

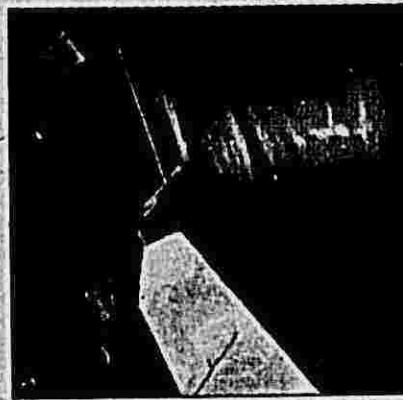
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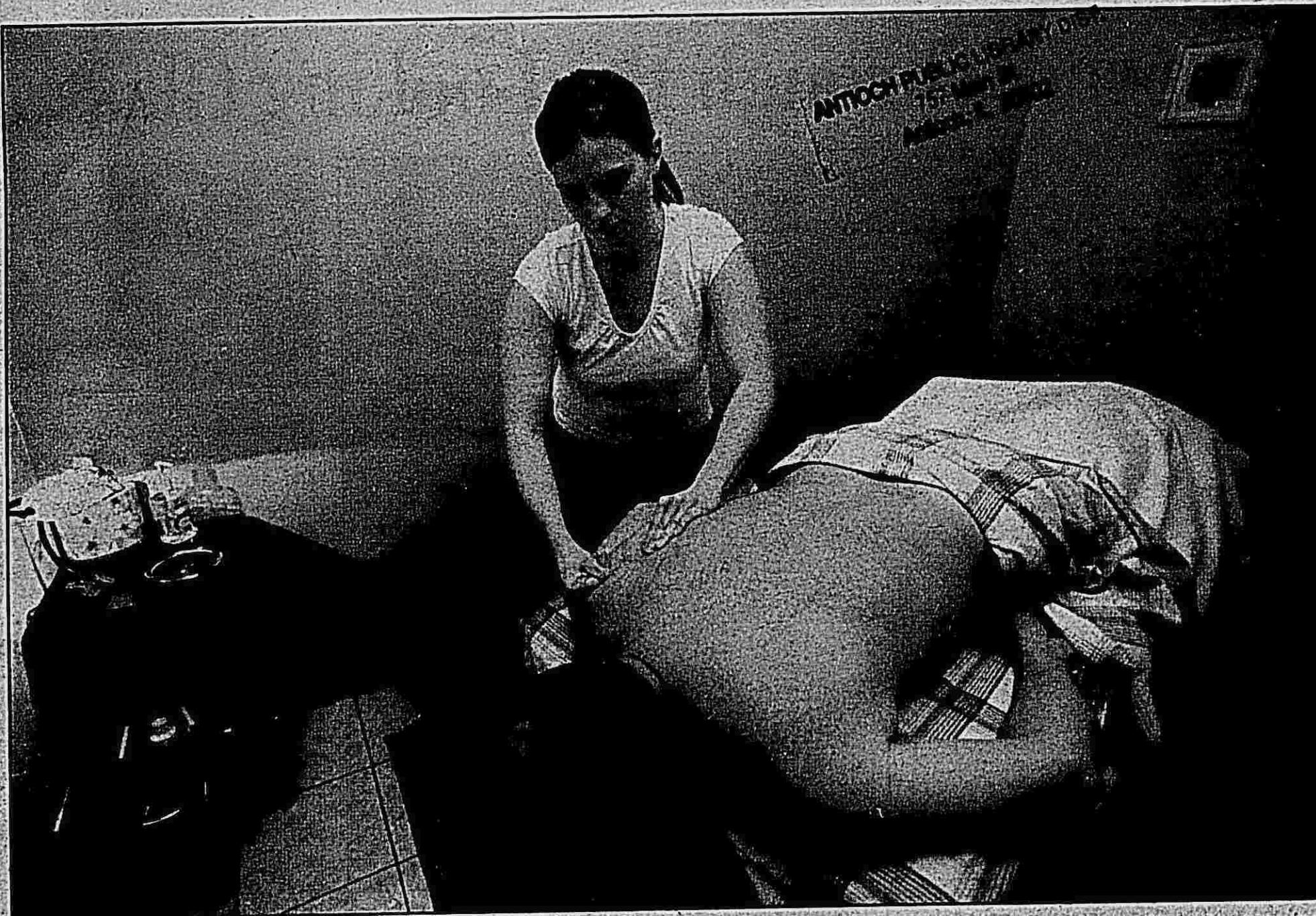
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LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP

Townships disagree with Antioch decision

Referendum question about tax district to appear on some April election ballots

By TARA CLIFTON
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LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP — Steve Smouse said that he and other members of the Antioch Township board didn't see the point of putting another referendum on this April's ballot.

The Antioch Township supervisor said tax payers will already be asked about garbage services, and he didn't think adding another referendum

about tax increment financing districts would make much sense.

But Warren, Avon and Lake Villa townships thought otherwise. Voters in those townships will be asked whether tax increment financing districts should be used to fund residential developments on vacant farmland.

Lake Villa Township Supervisor Dan Venturi said the referendum is advisory,

meaning that governments can still take steps to create the taxing districts.

"This is an opportunity for residents of Lake Villa Township to express what their thoughts are," Venturi said, adding that also is a way for village leaders to know what their constituents want.

Venturi said that the controversy surrounding Lindenhurst's Village Green project shed light on the taxing district issue.

Hundreds of residents bombarded the Lindenhurst Board of Trustees with complaints about using a taxing district to

fund the project. Many felt that the district would have increased taxes and that schools would end up losing money needed to educate students.

In response to this opposition, trustees voted in mid-January against a taxing district.

The advisory referendum was in the works before the vote that nixed the tax district, but Lake Villa Township officials still decided to put the advisory referendum on April's ballot.

"The referendum wasn't specifically pointed at that issue," Venturi said, adding that the tax district could have

been created long before April.

"Going forward, it would be nice to get input from the community," he said.

But Antioch Township decided to part ways with its neighbors regarding a referendum, Smouse said.

"I had a feeling that the [taxing district] wouldn't hold up in court anyway," Smouse said. "It would have been moot."

The fact that Lindenhurst officials dropped the taxing district made Antioch leaders feel that a referendum was unnecessary, Smouse added.

"It would have no legal bearing at all," he said.

GRAYSLAKE

Residents can peer 'Through the Looking Glass'

Business owners bring store to Grayslake area

By KATHY GRESEY
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GRAYSLAKE — Fun fragrances, seasonal items and antique furniture are not all shoppers will find at Through the Looking Glass, a new store in downtown Grayslake.

The store also features original artwork, antiques, candles, greeting cards, flowers, jewelry and other items.

Mary Anne Lawson and her husband, Chuck, just moved the shop to Grayslake from Blue Island this month. In March, Through the Looking Glass will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

"We're constantly bringing in new-new and new-old items to the store," Lawson said. "We're hoping we can offer something different to the area."

Lawson added that the items she sells at Through the Looking Glass are items she likes.

"The lines I carry, I really love," she explained. "They're things I would put in my own home."

Those loved products include textile flag artwork by



Mary Anne and Chuck Lawson have opened their shop, Through the Looking Glass, at 170 Center St., in downtown Grayslake. The business, which used to be located in Blue Island, sells artwork, jewelry and other items.

Betsy Nimock; colorful pottery from Ephraim Faience Pottery; and, handmade lamps by Richard Hoosen.

Also for sale at the shop are an assortment of fragrance products by Demeter Fragrance Library.

Demeter scents include grapefruit tea, ginger ale, fig

leaf, tomato, angel food and dirt.

"Dirt is our most popular," Lawson said. "It's a fun gift."

On March 10 and 11, Through the Looking Glass will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a Mad Hatter's Tea Party grand opening. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Community members are invited to the grand opening and are encouraged to wear a hat (gloves are optional).

Tea and snacks will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sales will take place throughout that weekend.

The Lawsons have plenty of work on their hands. They are putting the final touches on their new store and moving into an Antioch home.

Chuck said having Through the Looking Glass open in time for Grayslake Winterfest proved beneficial.

"We had 200 people come in here," he said. "It was good."

Lawson hopes that her store eventually will find success in its new home.

"We're hoping six months from now, we can say it was worth it," she said.



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Through the Looking Glass, a new store in Grayslake, features new and antique jewelry, as well as items for the home. In March, the shop will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

All the details

What: Through the Looking Glass
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LAKE COUNTY: EXPANDING MEDICAL SERVICES

Lake Forest makes bid for west Lake County

Vista, Advocate groups also have plans in works to build new facilities

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GRAYSLAKE - Medical service plans are abundant in Lake County.

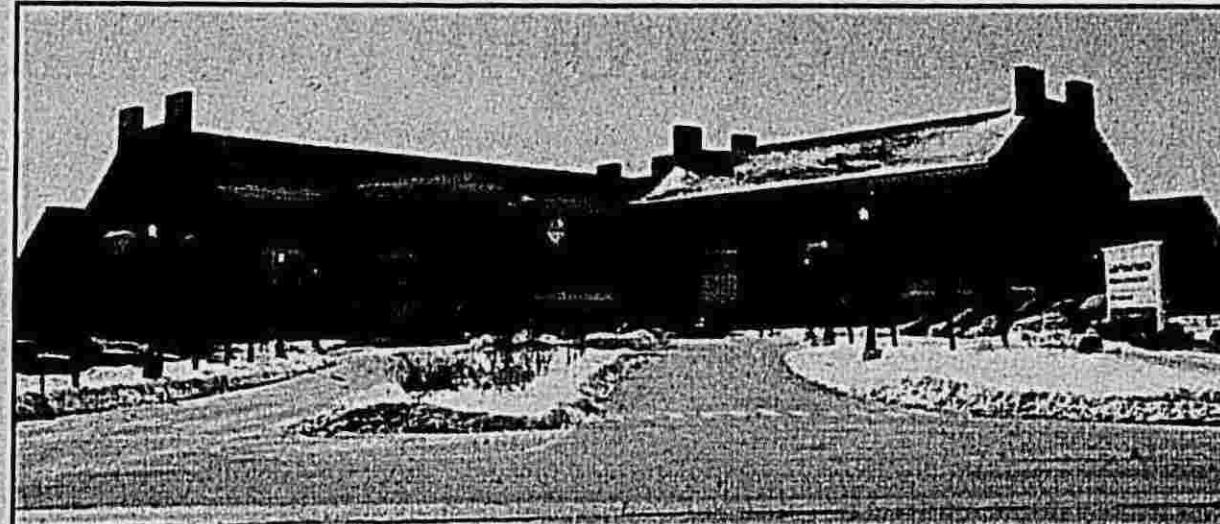
As Vista Health System and Advocate Health Care await approval to build large medical facilities, Lake Forest Hospital is expecting news of its own.

A bill has been submitted in the state Senate that would allow Lake Forest Hospital to convert its acute care center in Grayslake to a 24-hour, freestanding emergency center.

State Sen. Susan Garrett, D-Lake Forest, introduced the bill.

"Right now, there isn't an emergency facility in western Lake County," she said. "It's a matter of life or death."

Vista Health System, which has two hospitals in Waukegan, submitted a letter of intent to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board in November



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Lake Forest Hospital Outpatient and Acute Care Center, 1475 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, opened in 2004. It offers cardiac services, radiology, physical therapy and other specialties.

to build a 140-bed hospital with a full-service emergency department in Lindenhurst.

In January, Advocate announced its own plans to construct a 144-bed acute care hospital at Route 120 and Wilson Road in Round Lake.

Officials have said Lake County population increases dictate that more medical centers be built in the area - particularly ones with emergency capabilities.

"We've had ongoing growth at the acute care center since it opened in 2004," said Thomas McAfee, Lake Forest

president and CEO. "The addition will give the community confidence that, no matter what time of day, the facility is available and close by."

If state officials approve the Lake Forest bill, the center would be equipped with a helicopter landing pad and ambulance bays.

Few interior modifications will take place, McAfee said.

"The facility was designed to grow," he said.

Grayslake Fire Chief Don Mobley said he sees no downside to the project.

To learn more

Check out a story on page A26 about Lindenhurst residents who support Vista's plan for a new hospital there. A 140-bed facility could be approved this summer.

"There is a definite need," he said. "There are a lot of times when someone doesn't have a serious injury, and we have to take them far away."

But other officials are not satisfied with the Lake Forest plan.

Vista President and CEO Barbara Martin said in a written statement that the proposal "falls far short of addressing the need for access to comprehensive health-care services for Lake County."

"The residents of rapidly growing northern and western Lake County need and deserve a full-service hospital that includes a modern emergency department," she said.

"The legislation submitted to modify a state pilot program allowing free-standing emergency centers would short-circuit and disrupt the health-care planning process in Illinois."

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others.

This year, two of them are lifelong edu-
cators.

One is an elected official.

A couple have suffered the loss of
a child – one to a drunken driver,
another to a foreign war – and have
used their experience to ease the pain
of others.

One handles snakes; another is nick-
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We couldn't interview one of the hon-

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Quote of the Week

"This is a win-win for everyone."

—Mary Turner, Antioch village trustee, on the Village Board considering to develop another tract on Route 173 (see story on A9)

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Therapist kneads out what ails you

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — Sharyl Rodriguez walks into a tiny room, where her bright red hair glints because of fluorescent lighting.

A small lamp emits a soft yellow glow that shines upon the room's walls, painted dark green.

Quiet music can be heard.

A bed with a headrest occupies most of the space.

Rodriguez prepares to give a massage: pulls her hair into a pony tail and rubs oil on her palms.

People who have experienced massages before know what a relaxing experience it can be. But those kneading motions offer more than just comfort.

Rodriguez, a licensed massage therapist, works in Perfect Ten nail salon, 558 North Ave. She treats everything from overwhelming stress to tightened muscles.

And the health benefits don't end there, the Round Lake Beach resident said.

"Most people think it's something nice to do to treat yourself," Rodriguez said. "Massage therapy is more than just something to do when you have extra money."

Massage hastens recovery, increases circulation, reduces stress, eases muscle tension, increases mood-elevating hormones, and also can help boost spirits for burn victims, AIDS patients, and children with disabilities, Rodriguez said.

She also knows masseuse friends who help hospice patients, said Rodriguez, who also works at Mundelein Pediatrics in Grayslake.

But don't take her word for it. The National Institutes of Health backs up the benefits of massage therapy.

According to the institute's Web site, studies have shown that massage promotes growth and development in premature babies, eases arthritic pain, and can help those in advanced stages of cancer.

Charlene Schulmeister, of Antioch, said she knows personally how much massage can heal ailments. She gave up on doctors more than 20 years ago when it came to her excruciating back pain.

Schulmeister said her back was often tight, but, at the beginning of the year, she found Rodriguez.

"I had a better response from her than others," Schulmeister said. "It helped me mentally."

Schulmeister said deep tissue massages, paired with visits to a chiropractor, improved her breathing, flexibility, and rid her of back pain.

"I'm very pleased with what she's been able to do for me," Schulmeister said.

Rodriguez said most of her clients come in for relaxation massage, with only a few who use clinical massage for specific



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Ed Hartman receives a massage by Sharyl Rodriguez at the Perfect Ten salon in Antioch. Rodriguez, a licensed massage therapist, massages clients for their health and relaxation.

ic aches.

But most of Jennifer Hofmann's clients see her for medical conditions, she said.

Located in Lindenhurst, Balanced Body offers both relaxation and clinical massage, Hofmann said. The type of massage received depends on what each person needs.

Many people pair massage therapy with chiropractic work.

"[Massage] makes a big difference," Hofmann said. "If I didn't do massage prior to chiropractic, the adjustment didn't last as long."

Rodriguez warns, though, that massage might not be for everybody. All of her clients fill out health history forms, she said. Those taking certain medications or those who have certain conditions, such as blood or skin disorders, might not benefit from massage.

What is massage therapy?

- Massage therapy dates back thousands of years, with writings from ancient Greece, Rome, Japan, China, Egypt and India referencing the practice.

- It involves pressing, rubbing, and manipulating muscle and soft tissue.

- More than 80 types of massage exist, including Swedish, trigger point, deep tissue and shiatsu.

- Most massage therapists today are required to be licensed.

- About 1,300 schools, college programs, and training programs are offered in the United States.

- Courses typically cover anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, massage techniques, as well as business and ethical issues.

•Source: National Institutes of Health Web site

Our Town Praise all around

Three cheers for police officers who do even more good in their spare time.

Last weekend members of the **Antioch Police Department** participated in "Tackle the Tower: Climb for Clean Air" as part of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 210.

The Antioch officers were **Craig Somerville, Ron Roth, Don Geraty, Aron Fendel, Anna Dressler, Christine Eaton and Craig Martin.**

Fire and police departments, health clubs and other organizations participated in the fundraiser for lung cancer research. Participants tried to climb 31 flights of stairs at the Oakbrook Terrace Tower in Oakbrook Terrace for pledge money.



Tara Clifton

And their hard work paid off, with

\$68,000 raised. Great job!

St. Peter School's sixth-grade girl's basketball team played hard at the Family Association tournament at the school.

The girls competed against teams from Lake Villa's Prince of Peace School, St. Gilbert of Grayslake, and St. Francis of Lake Zurich.

After several challenging games, the St. Peter girls finished second in the tournament. Way to show determination!

Congratulations to Army 2nd Lt. **Aaron R. Amtson**. He just graduated from the Army Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

His parents, **Ward and Donna Amtson**, live in Antioch.

•If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail reporter Tara Clifton at tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com.

Former Cub Scout leader indicted for sexual abuse

By TARA CLIFTON
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WAUKEGAN — The day that news broke of a man who had been arrested on charges of sexual assault, Antioch School District 34 officials immediately took action.

District Superintendent Scott Thompson said officials formed a temporary crisis team to calm parents and students who feared that Carl W. Doty had been in contact with their kids.

Counseling was offered to children as well.

Doty has now been indicted by a grand jury and is in the Lake County Jail. On Thursday, Feb. 22, he was

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arraigned. Results of the arraignment were not available at press time.

Sheriff's investigators arrested Doty, 46, of Antioch Township, following a three-day investigation.

He was charged with two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault and two counts of criminal sexual abuse.

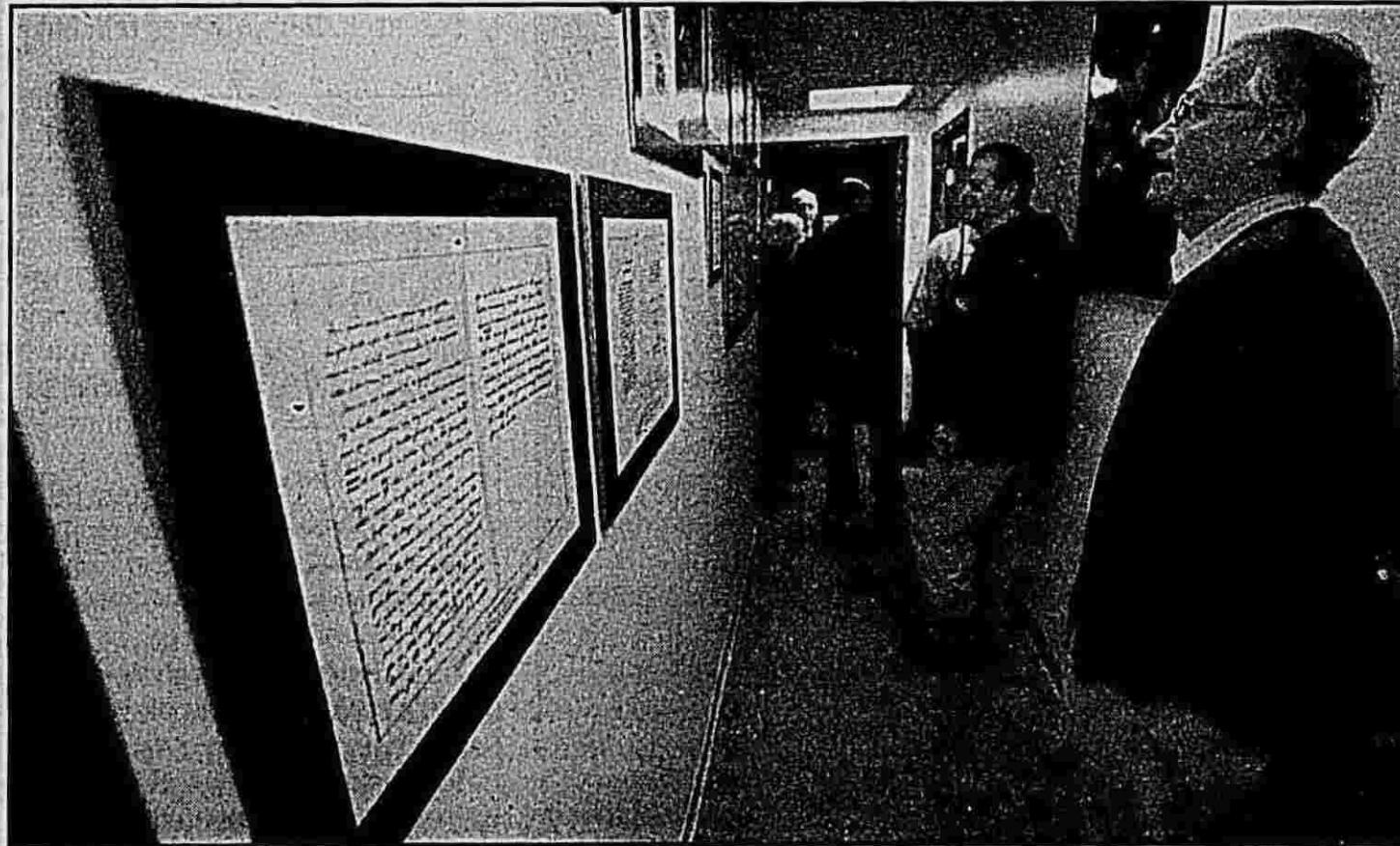
In a letter to parents, Thompson wrote that as far as administrators knew, Doty had no contact with students

inside the schools. He had been in a school only twice; once for a parent-teacher conference and once for back-to-school event. He had set up a table displaying Cub Scout information.

Doty was a former leader for Antioch Cub Scout Pack 93, which meets at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1155 Hillside Ave., in Antioch.

And Thompson also informed families that a district employee with the same last name as the man is no relation and has no connection.

"Mr. Dave Doty, a bus driver in the District, is a wonderful man and will continue to drive students to and from school safely," Thompson wrote.



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Pastor Tom Curry, of the Community Church of Round Lake, and Round Lake Beach Village Board President Rich Hill look at the Freedom Shrine at the Mano a Mano Family Resource Center.

ROUND LAKE PARK

Resource center receives award

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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ROUND LAKE PARK — Approximately 60 Round Lake Area Exchange Club members, local dignitaries and residents squeezed into a narrow hallway within the Mano a Mano Resource Center. They gathered at the unveiling of the Exchange Club Freedom

Shrine at the resource center on Feb. 16. Executive Director Carolina Duque accepted the honor, which consisted of copies of 19 historical American documents, such as the Monroe Doctrine and the Emancipation Proclamation.

Duque said the ceremony took place next to one of the facility's youth classrooms.

"They [Exchange Club

members] told us to take advantage of everything this country has to offer," Duque said.

Robert Wegge served as master of ceremonies, and pastor Tom Curry, of the Community Church of Round Lake, gave the invocation and closing Benediction.

"It was wonderful," Duque said of the ceremony.

School Notes

Info sessions

The University Center of Lake County will host two college nights at its Grayslake facility in the coming months. The events will highlight the bachelor's completion, graduate degree and professional development programs offered through the university. Each will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 6, the night's focus will be on education programs and programs offered by distance learning options. On Thursday, April 26, all programs offered through the center will be showcased.

For more information, visit www.ucenter.org, or call (847) 665-4000.

invites families of fourth and fifth grade students to enjoy a night of science fun.

The evening will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the school gym. Activities will focus on the properties of water.

Call the school for more information at (847) 838-8102.

Kindergarten info and signups

Parents can get the low-down on what kindergarten life is all about at an informational meeting to take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, in the multipurpose room at Hillcrest Elementary School, 433 E. Depot St., in Antioch.

Daily routines, schools supplies, screenings, skill-building tips, and the STAR program will all be covered.

Registration will be take place from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, and Wednesday, April 11, at Hillcrest Elementary School.

Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1. A certified birth certificate and two forms of identification are needed, such as a current tax bill, a copy of homeowner's mortgage, or a renter's lease.

For more information, call the district at (847) 838-8400.

Voter registration

Residents can register to vote at any of the five district schools. Two forms of identification are needed. Items that qualify are a driver's license, passport, utility bill or bank statement, a personalized check, social security card and library card.

Mano a Mano lends a hand

A representative from Mano a Mano Family Resource Center will visit Hillcrest Elementary School from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

This will be the first time the organization's services will be available to those in District 34. Topics of the night include applying for food stamps and medicaid, food and clothing assistance, and immunizations.

Call Zenayda Garcia at (847) 838-8455 or Heather Potocek at (847) 838-8261 for more information.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

March Madness at Millburn

Residents are invited to attend the district's March Madness 2007 Benefit Dinner/Dance and Auction.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, in the Chandler Room at the Midlane Country Club, located at 4555 Yorkhouse Road, in Wadsworth.

Guests can enjoy cocktails, dinner, a cash bar, dancing, a silent auction, and a live auction.

Tickets cost \$40 a person. To register, log onto www.millburn.lake.k12.il.us and scroll down to click on the March Madness link. Payments can also be mailed to the district office at 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth, IL, 60083. Registration is needed by March 4. Call (847) 356-8331 with questions.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

Science night

W.C. Petty Elementary School

Some raging cajun music



Dennis Nuccio rests his hands on his accordion as he listens to his band, the Midway Ramblers, play Cajun music at the Lake Villa Library on Feb. 17.

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Police Beat

People named here have only been charged with these crimes, not convicted. Information in Police Beat comes from local police records.

ANTIOCH

No valid driver's license

Antonio Hernandez, 20, 3300 block of 96th Street, Sturtevant, Wis., speeding, driving without a valid driver's license, Feb. 18.

Honorina G. Garcia, 33, 1300 block of 14th Street, North Chicago, following too closely, driving without a valid driver's license, Feb. 14.

Suspended driver's license

Phillip C. High, 24, 23000 block of 125th Street, Trevor, Wis., driving with a suspended driver's license, improper display of registration, Feb. 16.

David R. Eberman, 22, 42000 block of North Woodbine, Antioch, driving with a suspended driver's license, improper lane use, driving with expired registration, Feb. 16.

Edward J. LaForge, 44, 700 block of Main Street, Antioch, driving with a suspended driver's license, driving with a loud exhaust pipe, Feb. 20.

Theft

Jessica M. Landers, 19, 40000 block of Lake Shore Drive, Antioch, retail theft, Feb. 16.

Trespass

Wayne N. Pflieger, 63, 42000 block of North Forest, Antioch, criminal trespass to real property, Feb. 14.

LAKE VILLA

Suspended driver's license

Sylwester R. Woynowski, 24, 709 Waters Edge, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, Feb. 11.

Illegal transportation of liquor

Richard C. Hill, 25, 705 Waters Edge, Lake Villa, Feb. 11.

Suspended driver's license

Luis A. Gamez, 23, 1965 S. 71st Street, Milwaukee, Wis., driving with a suspended driver's license, driving with a loud exhaust pipe, improper lane use, Feb. 9.

Krystal A. Kick, 23, 225 Lake Ave., Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, Feb. 10.

Lindsay Erickson, 24, 20

Lakeside Lane, Fox Lake, driving with a suspended driver's license, driving without registration, Feb. 13.

DUI

Michael T. Oilar, 33, 7738 34th Ave., Kenosha, Wis., driving under the influence, disobeying a police officer, two counts of aggravated battery, two counts of resisting a police officer, aggravated assault, criminal damage to state supported property, two counts of disorderly conduct, two counts of theft, Feb. 10.

LINDENHURST

Suspended driver's license

Jonathan M. Anshel, 49, 638 Colony Court, Lindenhurst, driving with a suspended driver's license, improper passing, driving without proof of insurance, Feb. 10.

DUI

Robert W. Sutfin, 28, 3079 Falling Waters Lane, Lindenhurst, driving under the influence, improper lane use, driving without proof of insurance, resisting a police officer, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, Feb. 13.

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If you have a "Neighbor" whom we should profile in this column, call the Lake County Journals at (847) 223-8161, or e-mail antioch@weeklyjournals.com.

COMMUNITY**Local Digest****Alzheimer's program**

Daybreak, a Kenosha, Wis., program for people with Alzheimer's and their families, will have its March meetings on the following dates:

- Daybreak West: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at the Westosha Community Center, 19200 93rd St., in Bristol, Wis.
- Daybreak East: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 4600 60th St., Kenosha, Wis.

For questions or more information, call Cindy Lester at (262) 877-3670 or toll free at (866) 658-0237.

Lent season

St. Ignatius Church of Antioch will host several events to celebrate Lent.

Stations of the Cross and a prayer from the Great Litany will be 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The Evening Song and Benediction will be presented

at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, followed by a potluck dinner. Stations of the Cross will be 7 p.m. on March 14 and 28, both followed by a potluck dinner. And an Evening Song and Benediction will be 7 p.m. on April 7 and 21, followed by a potluck dinner.

Relay celebration

A start-up celebration to promote this year's Relay For Life will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at the Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center on 1625 Deep Lake Road in Lake Villa.

The celebration will inform residents of the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser, to take place on July 28-29 at Antioch Community High School. The event will be for those living in Antioch, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and Fox Lake.

For more information, call Becky Koman at (847) 356-4378 or Maggie Byrne at (847) 838-4648.

Heading left for the election

Democrat club sees membership surge

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For more information check out www.antiochdems.org.

Neither Bluthardt nor Grant expect any hard feelings to arise between the two political groups.

Both men attend St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, and speak well of each other.

And both Grant and Bluthardt agree that the demographics of Antioch are changing.

Grant said that people are streaming from Chicago to Antioch, and bringing their liberal views with them.

"It's a different type of person [from those] that have been here many years," Grant said.

Combining this with the Democrats' success in November, Grant said he is inundated with daily phone calls from people who want to volunteer for the Township Democrats.

Grant, chairman of the Township Democrats, said that at this time last year the club was nonexistent, but it now has up to 20 committee personnel and volunteers.

And while the Democrats have started their township organization, the Antioch Township Republican Club has remained strong, said President Brent Bluthardt.

Right now 60 people belong to the club, Bluthardt said, but members are always looking for new recruits.

"Our club is stronger than ever," he said. "We're boomin'."

Bluthardt noted that he thinks the Democrats had an easy time increasing membership because they started from zero. But he welcomes the competition.

"We'll make sure that we work that much harder," he said. "Competition is good as long as we stick to the issues and it doesn't become a war of words."

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to achieve it.

Peter V. Grant

Chairman of Antioch Democrats

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However, Bluthardt said that despite these changes, Antioch still remains a Republican stronghold.

For example, many elected officials belong to the club, such as State Rep. JoAnn D. Osmond, R-Antioch, Bluthardt said.

And he said he thinks that the majority of people in the Antioch area have conservative ideas.

But the point, both Bluthardt and Grant said, is making sure the two groups work together to bring positive change.

"We both want the same things," Grant said. "We just have different ways to achieve it."

Lake Forest Hospital awaits bill approval

HOSPITAL

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Bruce C. Campbell, president of Advocate Health Care, said he was not concerned about the Lake Forest conversion.

"We still plan to build a hospital to meet the need in northwest Lake County for increased access to vital, high quality health care," he said.

Open 17 hours a day, Lake Forest treated more than 21,000 people last year. It serves Grayslake, Round Lake, Gurnee, Lake Villa, Mundelein, Antioch and other areas.

Garrett said the bill could be approved as soon as May. The conversion would take place immediately, she added.

• News Editor Matt Pera contributed to this story.

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Madison Mahoney, 7, and Katie Young, 13, roll in the snow down the hill behind the Antioch Public Library during their day off school for President's Day.

No facade: village program needs some tweaking

Ordinance clarifies program problems

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — Businesses seem to have misunderstood the Facade Improvement Program, and the reason might have to do with its name.

Village Administrator Mike Haley told the Village Board last week that some stores used the program to simply hang up a new sign.

"That was not the intent of the facade ordinance," Haley said.

The idea was that businesses within village limits that need improvements of at least \$1,000 are eligible to apply. If approved after a contractor evaluation, the village will pay for half of the store's project, up to \$10,000.

The renovations should be done inside and outside the store, and include such safety features as wheelchair ramps.

Trustee Robert Caulfield said that village staff might want to examine the meaning of "facade."

Because, he said, the word just refers to the outside of a building in this case.

So to clear up the confusion, trustees passed an ordinance that clarified the qualifications to participate in the facade program.

Under the new definitions, businesses can take advantage of the program if village officials determine that the improvements contribute to the overall structure of the building.

Safety issues also would be taken into consideration, as Trustee Larry Hanson pointed out. Deteriorated and falling signs would qualify, along with upgrades to washrooms for the disabled.

Trustees created the Facade Improvement Program on June 19 in an effort to revitalize the downtown.

The village's tax increment financing district provides \$60,000 for the program, and \$30,000 comes from the business district fund.

New development receives praise

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — The Village Board voted last week to set the wheels in motion for another development along Route 173.

But this one won't be near Menard's, Wal-Mart, and the proposed Antioch Marketplace, said Dustin Nilsen, director of Planning and Zoning.

The 200-acre plot, known as the Pedersen farm, lies north of 173 and east of Route 45, Nilsen said. A developer's plans call for the land to be transformed into a limited manufacturing facility.

Trustees voted to move ahead with rezoning plans as long as certain changes are made to the

developer's preliminary plans.

Nilsen said the developer, Industrial Development International, approached the village with its ideas in August 2006.

The company is based in Atlanta, and has offices in Chicago, Nilsen said.

Trustees saw the proposal as nothing but good news.

The reason why is because the property would be an industrial park, no retail or residential buildings.

This would not bring extra students to schools, but would bring extra jobs for residents, said Trustee Mary Turner.

"Not too many developments are a positive," Trustee Mary Turner said. "But this one is. This is a win-win for everyone."

Police: Man dealt drugs near school

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

ANTIOCH — If Christopher Vanderweel didn't live near Antioch Community High School, he wouldn't be facing up to 30 years of prison time.

Antioch police and Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group officers arrested Vanderweel, 36, last week after searching his home, located on

the 300 block of Harden Street. Officers found one ounce of cocaine.

Vanderweel was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and because he lived within 1,000 feet of the high school, he could serve more time in jail, said Cmdr. James Ruth, a spokesman with the Antioch Police Department.

Vanderweel was held in the Lake County Jail on a \$300,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear for court at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, in Waukegan.



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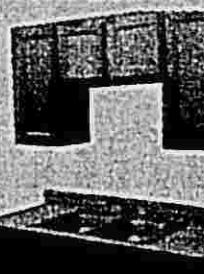
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Designer Mary Loula spritzes a bouquet of roses in the workroom of the Balmes Flower Shop in Gurnee during a busy Valentine's Day.

GURNEE

Snow or shine, Valentine's gifts find a home

By EMILY PREVITI
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GURNEE — Balmes Flower Shop is so quiet that customers can hear the murmur of owner Jeanne Balmes's voice as she talks on the phone.

When she emerges from behind a wall covered with foil samples of helium balloons, she appears relaxed.

But a week before, the scene was hectic.

Florists, Balmes said, are inundated during the hours leading up to Valentine's Day.

Add a snowstorm to the mix, and one could face some stress, to put it mildly.

Heading into this year's holiday, people who live in the Midwest and northeast

planned to spend more money on Valentine's Day than those in the south and west, according to the National Retail Federation's poll of more than 7,700 consumers in early January.

But did the storm that slammed Lake County and other parts of Illinois dash retailers' hopes for prosperity?

Carol Fortner, owner of Fortner's Jewelry in Zion, said the store's hometown feel helped to weather the storm that made travel dangerous. The store has been at 2642 Sheridan Road for 37 years.

"We don't feel like we had bad business — it was nice and steady," Fortner said. "A lot of people had a gift in mind when they came in. They just wanted

to buy it and go home."

Balmes and other local florists agreed that the snow slowed their streams of walk-in customers.

Outside the shop, plummeting temperatures created the potential for frostbitten plants, as well as icy roads.

Normally, jewelers do not deliver diamonds and pearls on Valentine's Day.

But florists deliver hundreds of arrangements during a two-day period.

When drivers face hazards on the road, as they did last week, business owners have to think creatively.

Tony Phispry hired five extra drivers to ensure his deliveries landed on time. Phispry has weathered 37

Valentine's Days at Tony's House of Creations, 2531 Sheridan Road, Zion (low profits closed the site in Waukegan).

Phispry's 13 drivers drove about 300 orders and finished well before midnight.

He recalled that his vans

braved the roads until that late hour on a frosty Valentine's Day years ago.

Jack Adams has run Arbour Florist at 5101 Washington St., in Gurnee, for about five years.

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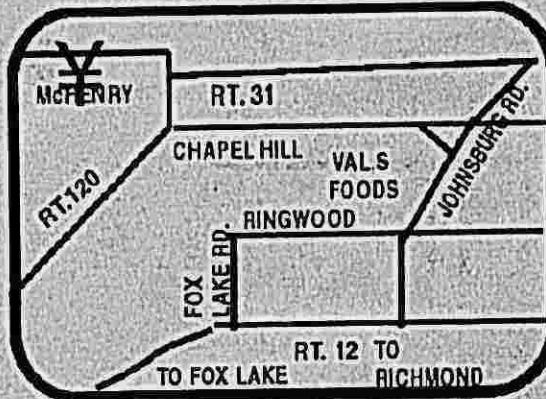
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GRAYSLAKE

Banquet business returns to Brae Loch Golf Club

Caterer selected for special events

By KATHY GRESEY
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GRAYSLAKE - Brae Loch Golf Club in Grayslake has reopened for banquet business.

After allowing patrons to

hire their own caterer the past three years, the Lake County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners opted to hire one full-time Brae Loch caterer at a Feb. 13 meeting.

Club catering will now be

provided by Catering by Michael's Inc. of Morton Grove.

Daniel Prezell, director of Lake County Forest Preserve revenue facilities, said allowing patrons to select their own caterer proved financially unsuccessful, which is why the board discontinued the service.

"Unfortunately, after we ran it for one year, we only had one caterer respond with dollars," Prezell explained. "The board said, 'We tried. Let's go back to the exclusive situation.'"

Catering by Michael's Inc. provides food and drink for banquets, weddings and other special events at Independence

Grove Forest Preserve in central Lake County.

The company lists its menu items on its Web site, www.cateringbymichaels.com.

Brae Loch Golf Club is at 33600 N. Route 45, in Grayslake. For more information, call (847) 968-3444, or visit www.braelochgolfclub.org.

Retail sources add to sales tax numbers

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH - Some residents have complained in the past about Wal-Mart and Menard's bringing too much traffic, noise and other hassles, but the shopping area has greatly contributed to the village's wealth.

Village Administrator Mike Haley said general merchandise served as the second highest generator of sales tax from 2004 to 2006, and Wal-Mart is the most likely cause.

General merchandise raked in \$843,609 in 2006, compared to \$175,079 in 2004.

Car dealers and gas stations brought in the most sales tax

revenue for those three years, Haley said.

In 2004, this category brought in \$781,899 and \$915,316 in 2006.

"These car dealers are bread and butter when it comes to sales tax," he said.

The village's finance department compiled a report of sales tax dollars generated during the past three years, and split businesses into categories such as food, restaurants, furniture and agriculture.

The total sales tax distributed in 2004 was just more than \$2 million. That number increased to \$3 million in 2006.

"These are very impressive numbers," said Village Board president Dorothy Larson.

Comedy night tickets anyone?

ANTIOCH - The Antioch Junior Woman's Club Comedy Night is barely a week away, and tickets are going fast.

Tickets cost \$20 each before the event, and \$25 at the door. They can be bought from a club member, at First National Bank Employee Owned, or State Bank of the Lakes.

All proceeds will benefit the Tim Osmond Sports Complex.

The fun begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, in the Father Hanley Center at St. Peter's Church.

Those who spend their night with the junior woman's club are guaranteed a great time. Attendants can enjoy comedian Mike Mercury, a chance to win a \$1,000 travel certificate through a raffle, and dinner.

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Tony Burroughs

Creating Order Out of Chaos

At 2 p.m. on March 11

Tony Burroughs, established author, professional genealogist and noted Black American Genealogy Speaker, will present a program on how to organize family history documents collected through genealogy research.

Burroughs traced his mother's family back seven generations to 1781 and his father's ancestors back 1835. Most recently Tony contributed to the PBS special 'Finding Oprah's Roots.'

The Tropical Garden

At 7 p.m. on March 13

Sharon Yiesla, Horticulturist at the University of Illinois Lake County Extension Office, will explore the use of tropical and tropical-looking plants that can give your yard a new look.

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At 7 p.m. on March 22

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Author Jeff Libman

At 7 p.m. on March 8

Join Chicago author Jeff Libman as he discusses his acclaimed book "An Immigrant Class: Oral Histories of Chicago's Newest Immigrants" and the challenges and stories of recent immigrants to the Chicago area.

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Honor Roll

Antioch Upper Grade School names honor students

The following students of the Antioch Upper Grade School have been named to the honor roll for the second quarter.

Grade 6

Straight 'A'

Abel, Sarah Jane; Arntzen, Megan; Barry, Lauren Ashley; Bay, Laura Lynn; Beranek, Matthew Michael; Betke, Joel Douglas; Borries, Megan Kay; Brito, Nicholas R; Cannon, David Johnathan; Cozzi, Sadie Rae; Davenport, Tyier James; Edwards, Daniel Thomas; Ennes, Haley Mikel; Everett, Mitchell Robert; Fandre, Kaylee; Fornella, Anthony Martin; Godee, Lisa; Grant, Rebecca M; Herout, Lily Ann; Higgins, Joshua James; Holtkamp, Katelyn P; Hope, Kayla; Hughes, Neil Patrick; Jackson, Brianna Amel; Jackson, Daniel William; Keller, Ian D; King, Chloe Elizabeth; Koch, Danielle Lauren; Lacas, Kaleigh Ann; Larson, Amber Lynn; March, Tiffany Lynn; Marshall, Nicholas Edwin; McGrain, Michael Adam; McIlhany, Abigail; Mrowiec, Michael; Patrick, Mucha, Sarah E; Myros, Kayla Elaine; Pascual, Eric; Patrick, Kyle Adam; Peach, Chloe Madison; Peters, Sarah Marie; Peterson, Christian Oscar; Prinn, Morgan Paige; Renter, Kaylene F; Richter, Michael Joseph; Roeder, Nicole Lee; Sheppard, Alyssa Christine; Solbrig, Mason Jeffery; Verdaguer, Jean Alien Edquiban; Voykin, Alexander Nicholas

Regular Honors

Achille, Natajiah; Adler, Madeline N; Bain, Michael Steven; Basinger, Amy Renee; Burton, Andrew; Buski, Timothy Joseph; Cutro, Cody Michael; Diamond, Trevor Vaughn; Edling, Shane Michael; Ellis, Austin Colby; Evans, Cyndi L; Fiegel, Jolina Juanita; Flary, Madelyn Charlotte; Gentzen, Justine J; Gillette, Charles James; Hebior, Jake Edmond; Hoffman, Matthew James; Holston, Patrick James; Kostreva, Ryan James; Kruchten, Erik Alan; Larriuz, Drake Alexander; Liszka, Cassandra; Luptak, Amber Marie; Oleson, Shane Patrick; Ott, Riley Oscar; Raiman, Cristal Lee; Ronzio, Amanda Marie; Rzewnicki, David Edward; Schaefer, Kyle Patrick; Schmitz, Nathan H; Simpson, Haley Elizabeth; Stewart, Jarred Daryl; Stewart, Jordan Roy; Strange, Timothy Jordan; Thomas, Alyssa Morgan

High Honors

Adlam, Jason James; Afryl, Daniel Dunbar; Bachochin, Maxwell James; Barker Zachary Richard; Bonges, Karii Lynn; Brown, Devon; Buchanan, Paige Lynee; Cashmore, Kyle Robert; Clendening, Ryan Michael; Conde, Joshua Nathan; Dick, Michael T; Dubow, Jordan Myles; Epker, Hannah R; Frillman, Nicholas James; Gervacio, Martha Paola; Gregory, David Charles; Gsell, Chantel Kierra; Gussarson, Michael; Hackeloer, Austin Robert; Hogan, Erin Colleen; Innis, Tyier Jordan; Istvanek, Lucas J; Ivanauskas, Manias Remigijus; Jetwani, Trisha Vinool; Johnson, Jack Quentin; Jovanov, Antonio; Keefe, Kathleen Elizabeth; Kitterman, Sara; Klees, Alex Michael; Kuxhouse, Carneron James; LaCroix, Ashley Adele; Mann, Sean Patrick; Marcangelo, Ryan Michael; McDonald, Mindy Ann; Montenegro, Samantha Paulette; Nicola, Cameron Otter; Alexandria Noelle; Pal, Deanna Bartlette; Paoli, Anthony Robert; Patel, Aneri Pravin Ponzetti, Brandon James; Quaranta, Manx Serafino; Rice, Nicholas Stuart; Rivera, Ashley; Roberts, Payton; Abbey, M; Presley, Cortlin N; Ray, Rose, Michaela Marie; Sanchez, Brandon William; Schwarz, Ashley Lauren; Sheng, Lauren Christine; Siperko, Malorie Shaye; Speck, Michelle Marlene; Stiglic, Unsey Marie; Stroud-Vos, Andrew Kenneth Taylor; Ana Isabel; Thomas, Carl E; Torres, Alexander Gilbert; Ucak, Oguzhan Ralphie; Vassios, Adam Joseph; Walczyk, Caitlin June; Wennstrom, Timothy James Wisniewski, Hannah Louise; Witt, Benjamin Joseph; Vermeyen, Taylor Nicole; Weber, Elizabeth Marie; Westberg, Sarah C; Wolske, Joseph Anthony III; Zatarain, Claudia Guadalupe

Grade 7

Straight 'A'

Andre, Emily; Ano, Daniello R; Arbona, Johanna Jovette; Avila, Gabriela V; Baker, Hannah Renee; Barone, Angela Renee; Berry, Sara Anne; Braden, Sara Marie; Chen, Patrick; Collings, Jennifer Marie; Doty, Mary Irene; Dumitru, Denis; Edwards, Logan L; France, Tanya; Freundt, Zachary; Fuller, Nicolette M; Galati, Luigi; Girona, Ellena Rochelle; Goegan, Jamie J; Gorski, Dylan C; Grant, Brianna; Hill, Kyle Evan Reed; Hoffman, Christopher R; Huebner, Sarah Elizabeth; Imler, Andrew David; Imperial, Alpha Grace Tabu; Jackson-Stone, Raquel; Jelinek, Michael S; Kmiec, Alia; Langhans, Megan; Lindstrom, Mallory Hazel; Mathez, Elle M; McClellan, Kayla Suzanne; Menzer, Anna Rose; Merchant, Travis Richard; Meyer, Taylor Dorothy; Mrnak, Joseph Thomas; Mysliwiec, Amber Lynn; Neff, Kelsey Rose; Nogle, Paul Gregory; Pease, Catherine; Pease, Kelly; Ploss, Jessica Ann; Potkonjak, Joseph; Praphruettam, Wisa; Prellberg, Abby; Presley, Cortlin N; Ray, Amanda Elizabeth; Ross, Phillip D; Schroeder, Kevin; Sippy, Tonya Elizabeth; Stanley, Jonathan; Stanley, Tanya R; Sullivan, Dakota; Taday, Riane Lori Vargas; Thompson, Robert J; Tre Re, Roberto; Unick, Lauren Taylor; Vanderpool, Dylan; Vassios, Brittany R; Welsh, Emily V; Wilfert, Matthew Scott; Zumbrock, Brandi Christiri

High Honors

Adamczyk, Melissa Nicole; Alfonso, Brandon Michael; Allen, David Gerald; Banchak, Emily Renee; Binkley, Chase Edward; Buckley, Jacob Patrick; Conley, Mitchell; Damiani, Rachel Katherine; Devers, Beau Alexander; Donovan, Krystin; Dvorak, Thomas Q; Dziubla, Jessica Elaine; Esler, Joshua M; Fadul, Sandra R; Flanagan, Joshua Alan; Frenzel, Graydon G; Gamble, Samantha Jo; Graves, Joshua; Grindley, Cody Jerome; Gussarson, Daryl R; Herman, Cassandra Ashley; Hoffman, Alexandria L; Hogan, Shannon Theresa; Jandura, Veronica Rae; Jethva, Mayank; Johnson, Randy James; Kauffman, Chris William; Kirkland, Peyton Ashley; Knab, Mackenzie Taylor; Kurowski, Matthew Jack; Kurz, Carissa A; Laurel, Cailee; Liebert, Destyni R; Lopez, Vivianna; Lubkeman, Nathan David; Martinez, Agnes; Miller, Hailey; Miller, Kaci Jean; Moote, Trevor Scott; Moser, Gwendolyn May; Nelson, Chelsea; Nennig, Luke; Nerison, Neal Ellie; Newman, Stephen Jeffrey; O'Connor, John R; Ortman, Emily A; Rich, Aaron; Runyard, Kelsey Elizabeth; Ruth, Bridgette; Shapcott, Oliver Shatley; Jordan K; Smith, Haedyn Nicole; Thomborough, Andrew; Tiernan, Bryan; Tinajero, Abel; Tokarczyk, Samantha; Torres, Janessa Victoria; Um, SoJin; Vacala, Michael Anthony; Warner, Adam James; Young, Alex D

Regular Honors

Alaniz, Victoria Alisia; Anttila, Joshua Jay; Arden, Daniel Adam; Benson, Rachel A; Blain, Tanner A; Blakeney, Zachary Tyler; Brost, Kaitlyn; Buxton, Jonathan R; Caflisch, Isia; Cahill, Cassidy Theresa; Donahue V; John J; Espinosa, Lauren A; Feric, Cailey J; Garcia, Brittany L; Hansen, Brittany Lynn; Hanson, Erin Josephine; Harris, Charles; Horton, Adam; Hutchinson, Jessica L; Jackson Jr, Randy Alan; Kurtz, Joshua Randy; LaPointe, Casey Joe Allen; Lukasik, Robert; Lynch, Kelly Elizabeth; Macdonald, Breanna; Martin, Conner; Martinez, Rudy Alexander; Newby, Miranda; Paramski, Emery Aaron; Peters, Mason Alan; Pingel, Kerri Ann; Pogue, Sean; Rodriguez, Pamela; Schaefer, Ryan W; Shannon, IV Lee A; Shoemaker, Brooke Nikole; Siddiqui, Mudasar; Slabosz, Kimberly Marie; Totin, Emilie; Unda, Nikolas; Utter, Alexandria Jacu Mae; Vogel, Austin; Walker, Taylor; Wallraf, Brittney E.

Grade 8

Straight 'A'

Afryl, Steven; Babik, Alex Richard; Bay, Amanda; Becker, Darien Beckman, Michael Thomas; Bessette, Dominique; Brito, Kathryn M; Bruce, Noelle; Carlborg, Joseph W; Chelmecki, Connor Anton; Chrapla, Katie Lynn; Dahlem, Amanda M; Dallago, Kara; Derkson, Abigail E; Detterbeck, Samantha M; Diesner, Kristy; Dinklenburg, Catherine; Dreyer, Sara Christine; Duehr, Olivia Ann; Dvorak, Morgan; Gabriel, Drew; Gantz, Marissa Nicole; Gebhardt, Elizabeth Anne; Geraty, Danielle; Gupta, Nikhita; Gwozdz, David; Haines, Caitlin A; Harris, Morgan; Hennelly, Scott J; Hill, Becky; Horton, Jennifer Nicole; Hughes, Evan James; Istvanek, Joseph; Jackel, Ryan; Johansen, Merrick Kristian; Kenny, Jacqueline C; King, Ashley Ann; Kovach, Miles Matthew Krumpos, Taylor James; Licht, Gregory Edward; Mapayee, Tracy; McHugh, Sean Michael; Moulchin, Amanda E; Nunez, Zoe; Paugel, Kayla; Pearson, Amanda Lynn; Prather, Brett Thomas; Quinn, Jessica J; Renschen, Samuel T; Richards, Leann Rosemary; Rivera, Alejandra Isabel; Rudynski, Connor Scot; Schuler, Emily Anne; Scott, Nicole Michelle; Sewell, Shanna; Small, Marina Neola; Smith, Danielle Kathleen; Stanley, Brandon; Stevens, Thomas Gregory; Sutter, Rachel Amanda; Taday, Romelle Caitlin Van; Unida, Yvette; Verdaguer, Jennifer Allison; Vermeyen, Jorden Lane; Westberg, Theresa Marie; Wilton, Morgan A.

High Honors

Ames, Joseph Aaron; Applegren, Juna Bain, Kaitlyn M; Baker, Courtney Ann Basinger; Haley L; Borland, Griffin A; Bidlingmaier, Michael Bidlingmaier; Nicole Boyce, Gabrielle Angelique Brandt; Tomas Brown Jr, Michael Earl Brugioni, Anne Marie; Carpenter, Garrett; Chiappetti, Nicole Marie; Christiansen, Karlie L; Christopher, Bryan Scott; Derkson, Alyson M; Dugger, Chelsey A; Foley, Scan Patrick; Foren, Justien Lisa; Gaylord, Ryan Z; Geib, Hannah; Hall, Edwin J; Hermanson, Jacqueline E; Howard, Sara Elizabeth; Johnson, Keenan Imani; Karasek, Kelsey Taylor; Kay, Robert; Keenan, Julia Margaret; Koch, Thomas Michael; Komarchuk, Daniel L; Kowalczyk, Stephanie; Kruckeberg, Nicole; Laboy-Hernandez, Angel; Lazaretti, Anthony V; Leprich, Julianne; Loid, Kara L; Lohrmann, Samantha; Lukacovic, Richard Scott; Maday, Curtis D; Mallery, Tiffany Kristin; Maranar, Aubrey Rose; Marra, Melissa Jennie; McNatt, Katherine Rose; Mitsuuchi, Lena M; Muskat, Alexa; Nelson, Robert James; O'Bryant, Felicia Michelle; Osman, Neuman; Pingel, Jeffrey Martin; Quintanilla, Bradley Cesar; Rademan, Shani; Ray, Victoria Ashley; Read, Brian; Rucker, Anthony; Schlung, Michelle A; Schmidt, Nicole; Sherman, Kyte L; Siordia, Jason Ted; Siperko, Jr. Michael Scott; Soquet, Steven C; Stancill, Danielle; Swierczynski, Macey; Townsend, Taylor; Truong, Jennie Le; Vandevoorde, Hannah Noe; Vraney, Nicole Marie; Woods, Kaili; Wuorenma, Jillian; Zoot, Bridget

Regular Honors

Andelson, Abra; Anderson, Parker Lee; Arellano, Alexandra; Beake, Leslie Jean; Beltran, Zackery William; Cook, Stephen D; Dvorak, Samantha Lynn; Emmrich, Joshua Adam; Eves, Noah C; Fak, Jonathan; Farella, Felicia M; Frye, Jordan Marie; Gonzales, Jason Patrick; Griesbaum, Nicholas F; Guadarrama, Joshua; Guido, Anthony Michael; Holm, Vincent K; Kay, Brian Thomas; Kearney, Daniel James; Krueger, Katarina; Larson, Allison; Lennartson, Erik; Liszka, Jessica Ann; McCarty, Robert E; Meierdik, Brendan Tyler; Meyer, John R; Moseley, Hunter Richard; Mrnak, David George; Mussario, Dominick; Nokes, Robin Lynn; Ochoa, Jacqueline; Poulos, Nicholas Jordan; Robles, Steffany; Rolph, Symantha; Saucedo, Chelsea Elizabeth; Shapcott, Terence; Shea, Christopher John; Strelow, Samantha Ann; Trzebny, Alex; Vraney, Hailey Ann

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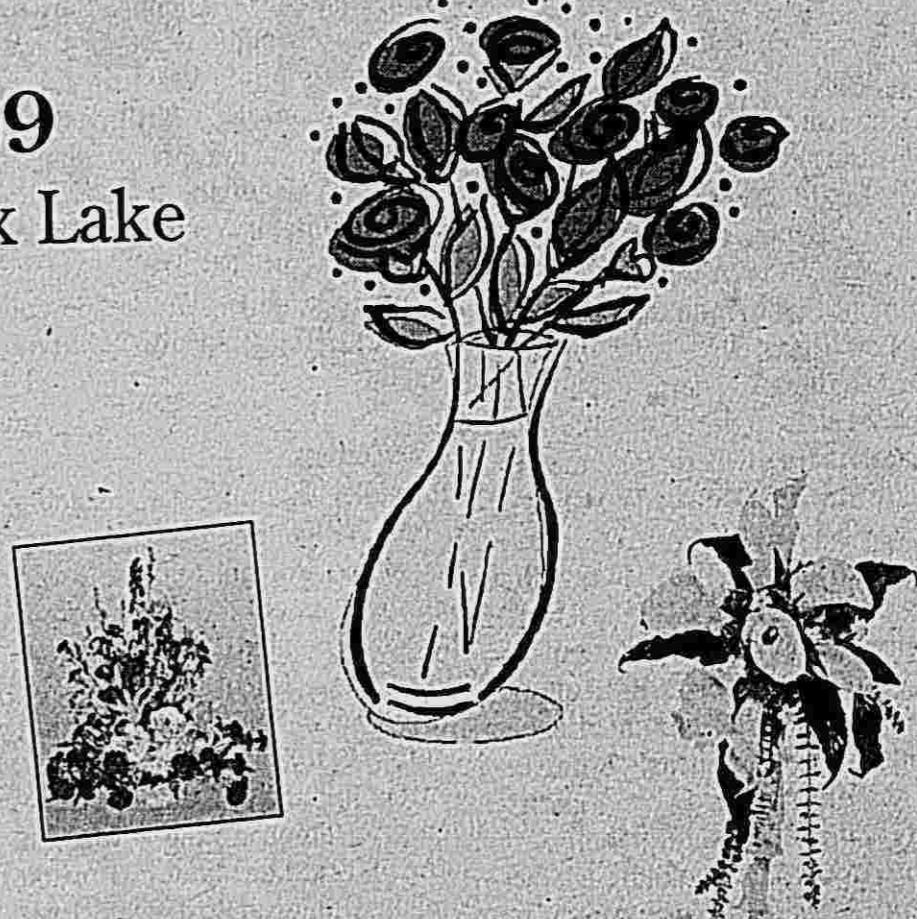
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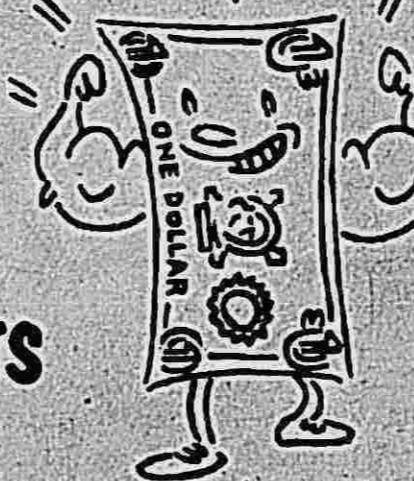
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LIBERTYVILLE

Multiple causes lead to teen's death

By EMILY PREVITI

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LIBERTYVILLE — A frigid winter morning, combined with drugs, claimed the life of a Libertyville teen, and questions about which drugs played a role in the death will have to wait several weeks.

Troy Wilton, 18, had taken his dog outside for a walk in the morning, while a group of his friends were at his mother's home in the 800 block of South Fifth Street in Libertyville.

When Wilton did not return, his friends and mother went outside to look for him, according to Libertyville Police Chief Patrick Carey.

They found Wilton unconscious and unresponsive in the backyard of the house, and his mother called 911 at 4:56 a.m. on Feb. 16. Around the time of the call, the temperature outside was -2 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

Attempts by paramedics on the scene to revive Wilton, a Libertyville High School senior, were unsuccessful, Carey said. The teen was pronounced dead at Condell Hospital.

The amount of time Wilton spent outside was uncertain,

Carey said, but that determination was part of an ongoing investigation.

A drug overdose caused the teen's death, according to Lake County Coroner Richard Keller.

His body bore signs of hypothermia because he died outside and stayed there for several hours, Keller said.

Keller could not say which drugs Wilton used before his death. During the autopsy, Keller said, he scanned for the "usual drugs of abuse and/or use," which include cocaine, alcohol, methadone, some opiates (heroin, Vicodin, hydrocodone) and benzodiazepines (anti-anxiety medicine).

But Wilton's system contained drugs beyond that scope.

"It was a mixture of legal and illegal drugs that caused respiratory depression," Keller said. "We can narrow it down to ... levels of opiates ... and benzodiazepines."

Keller explained that it is likely Wilton took prescription drugs for which the coroner's office does not specifically test.

Keller said he expected a toxicology report from an external lab will identify those substances. The report will take up to three weeks to complete.

Time to bust out the corn beer, shamrocks

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

LAKE VILLA — Get ready for corn beef, shamrocks, and green-clad people. The village is preparing for its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This year the festivities begin at noon on Saturday, March 17.

The parade takes off at 10:30 a.m. from Palombi Middle School, 133 McKinley Ave. The parade ends at the Metra station downtown.

Afterward, residents can enjoy a dinner of corn beef and cabbage at the Lake Villa

Parade Route

Starting point: Palombi Middle School, 133 McKinley Ave. Then Kevin to Wesley to Walden to Burnett to Sherwood to Grand Avenue to Cedar and ending at the Metra Station.

Veterans of Foreign Wars. Adults must pay \$7 to get in and seniors and children under 12 pay \$5. The hot dog plate costs \$3.

To participate in the parade, call Village Hall at (847) 356-6100.

COMMUNITY

'Masked' entertainment



Chris Padgett - cpadgett@nwnewsgroup.com

A man performs during Fasching Dance. The German Club in Antioch hosts its annual Faschings Dance (masquerade dance) with live entertainment on Feb. 17 at the Lake Villa Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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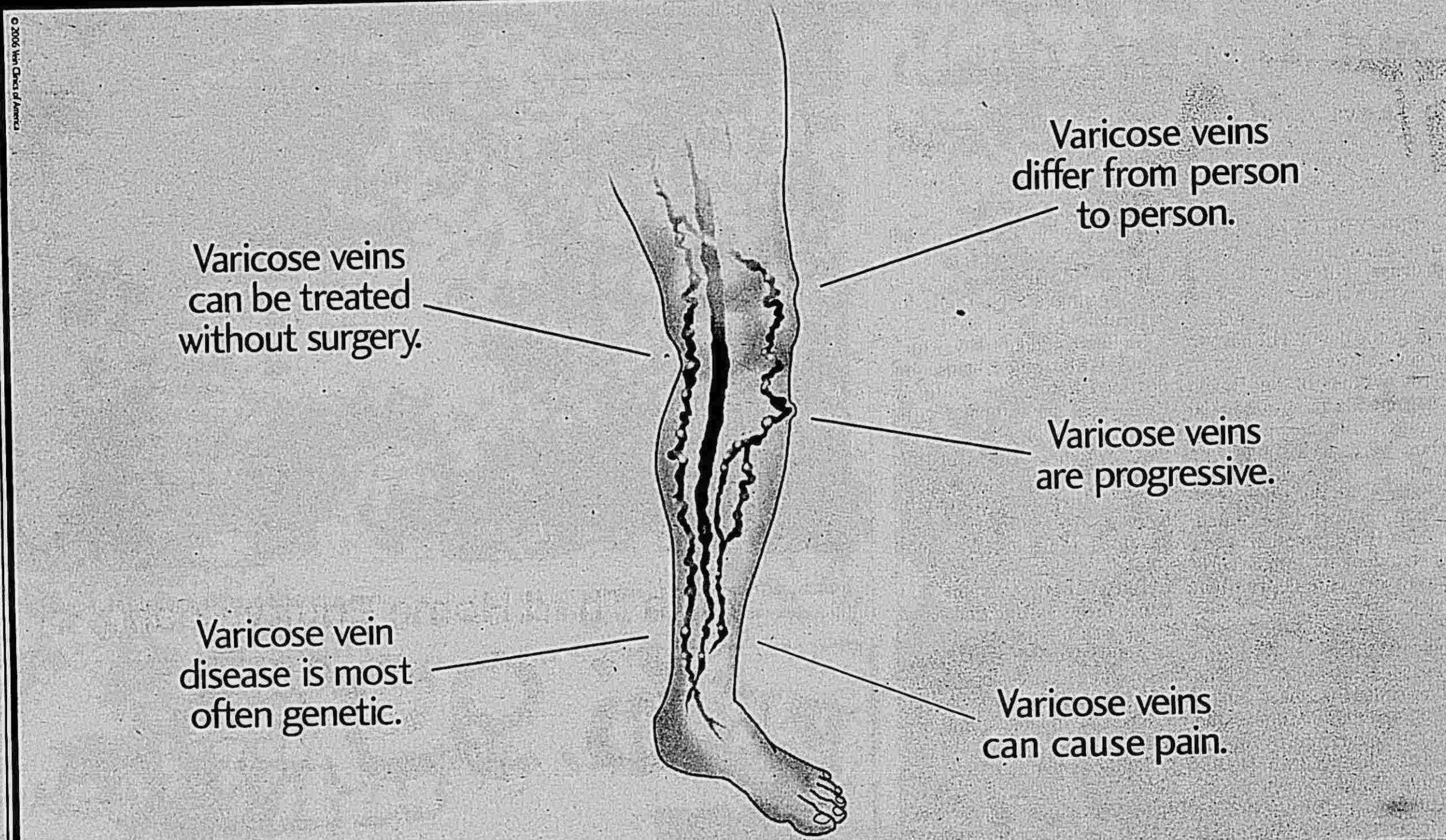
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• Births

Zachary Ryan Peleska, a son, was born Jan. 12 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Jeremy and Melissa Peleska of Antioch. His

brothers are J.C. O'Hagan, 5 and James, 1. Grandparents are Jerry and Doris Peleska of Ingleside; and Lenon and DeAnne Abercrombie Jr.

of Grayslake. Great-grandparents are Sylvia and Lenon Sr. Abercrombie of Round Lake; and Frances Peleska of Round Lake Park.

Connor John Moring, a son, was born Dec. 21 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Heather Wheeler and Chris Moring of

Antioch. Grandparents are Flip and Terri Wheeler of Antioch; John Moring of Round Lake Beach; and Jo Hedges of Lake Zurich.



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnews.com

Flower designer Anne Wolcott wraps a gift for a customer at the Balmes Flower Shop in Gurnee during a busy Valentine's Day.

Weather, weekday date affect Valentine's sales

• HOLIDAY SALES

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He said volume of transactions swells for 24 hours or so for Valentine's Day business.

A similar swell happens throughout the week before Mother's Day and the entire month of December, as well-wishers seem to buy bouquets to say, "Happy Holidays."

"Valentine's Day presents unique challenges because [business] is so intense for that one day," Adams said.

In 2007, people procrastinated when it came to gift giving, according to Adams.

"And, the holiday fell on a

weekday, which meant more orders than on years when Cupid's celebration takes place on a weekend, Balmes pointed out.

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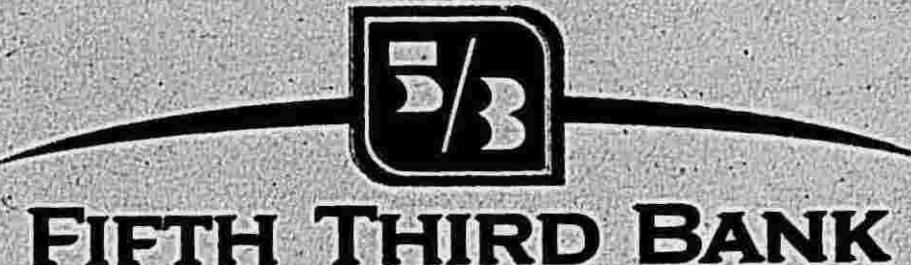
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ANTIOCH

• **Antioch Public Library District Board meeting.** 7 p.m., last Tuesdays, 757 N. Main St. Call (847) 395-0874 to confirm.

• **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinocchio.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy at (847) 395-7407 or Betty at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

• **AFFTER (Advocates for Fibromyalgia Funding, Treatment Education and Research) support group meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon, first Saturdays. Antioch's Community Building, 884 Main St. Call (847) 362-7807 or go to www.AFFTER.org for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

• **Antioch Jaycees meeting.** 7:30 p.m., last Mondays. Regency Inn. For more information, call (847) 395-8035.

• **AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meeting.** 1 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Sharon Nowak at (847) 395-5068 to learn more.

• **The Meeting House Museum.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., first Saturdays. See original photos of Antioch and a veterans' exhibit of photos and memorabilia from the Civil War through the Gulf War.

• **Northern Illinois Conservation Club Board & General meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26. Clubhouse, one-half mile south of Rt. 173 on east side of Rt. 83. For more information, call (847) 395-NICC or visit www.lake-online.com/nicc.

• **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School

band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

• **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

FOX LAKE

• **Business & Family Expo.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, March 3. Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Ave. For more information, call (847) 587-7474 or visit www.discoverfoxlake.com.

GRAYSLAKE

• **Jazz Sunday concert.** 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25. College of Lake County, James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, Mainstage Theatre, 19351 W. Washington St. Features the Monday and Tuesday Night Jazz Ensembles. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$4 for seniors and CLC students. Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office, by phone at (847) 543-2300 or at www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.

• **20th Annual Skip's Collectible and High Performance Car/Truck Parts Swap Meet and Car Sale.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25. Lake County Fairgrounds, Rts. 120 and 45. Admission is \$7, children aged 6-11 \$2. For more information, call (630) 876-1042 or visit [skipssusa.com](http://www.skipssusa.com).

• **Construction Management, Civil/Surveying Technology and Architecture Job and Career Fair.** 5-7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26. College of Lake County, Technology Building, first floor hallway, 19351 W. Washington St. For more information, call Rob Twardock at (847) 543-2903 or e-mail at rtwardock@clcillinois.edu.

GURNEE

• **Orientation for volunteer tutors for the Lake County Adult Learning Connection.** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. Registration is open now. Volunteers low-literate or non-English-speaking adults throughout the county. For more information or to register, call Iris at (847) 543-2024.

• **Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting.** 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N.

Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800 for information.

• **Or Tikvah Sisterhood meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. For more information, call (847) 856-1440.

• **Lake County Camera Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., peer-to-peer discussion and socializing; 7:30 p.m., meeting, first Fridays. Warren Township Center, east crafts room, in park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington. All skill levels, digital and film, welcome. Call Mike Ament at (847) 356-6937 (noon-6 p.m.) to learn more.

• **Lake County Mother of Twins and More Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Joy Lutheran Church, 749 S. Hunt Club Rd. Call (866) 248-7670, ext. 1264, before attending.

• **Lake County Philatelic Society meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. Area stamp collectors are invited. For more information, call (847) 244-4048.

HAINESVILLE

• **Hainesville Village Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. 100 N. Hainesville Rd. For more information, call (847) 223-2032.

HIGHLAND PARK

• **Highland Park Historical Society "Show and Tell."** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28. Highland Park Public Library Auditorium, 494 Laurel Ave. Admission is free. Select an item from your collection that has a story and come share. For more information, call (847) 432-7090 or e-mail hhistorical@sbcglobal.net.

INGLESIDE

• **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

• **Grant Township Republican Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Township Building, 26725 W. Molitor Rd. Call (847) 740-2233 for more information.

LAKE FOREST

• **Dramatic presentation of Daniel H. Burnham.** 4-7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3. Lake Forest Club, 554 N. Westmoreland Rd. Robert Lindsey portrays the architect of the "White City" as from the novel "The Devil in the White City." Presented by I-PLUS. Tickets are \$50 and include an open bar and light buffet. For more information, call Dawn at (847)

234-9509.

LAKE VILLA

• **Friends of Lake Villa District Library annual meeting and program.** 1:45-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. After a short meeting, Karl Gates will appraise antiques for participants. Members are free, with new memberships available at \$5.

Registration is limited to 75 people, and will be open 30 minutes before the meeting. For more information, call (847) 356-7711.

• **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

• **Lake Villa Township AARP Chapter 3978 board meeting.** 10:30 a.m., first Thursdays. Township Offices.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

• **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LINDENHURST

• **Lindenhurst Village Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays. Village Hall Boardroom. Call (847) 356-8252 for more information.

• **Lindenhurst Sanitary District meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Thursdays. Village Hall. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

• **American Sewing Guild group, "Running in Stitches," meeting.** 7 p.m., first Thursdays. State-Bank of the Lakes, Grand Ave. Call Mary Petit at (847) 356-9242 or Janet at (847) 265-7932 for additional information.

MILLBURN

• **Millburn Chapter 570, Order of the Eastern Star meeting.** 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Millburn Masonic Lodge, Rt. 45 near Grass Lake Road. For more information, call Chapter Secretary Clarissa Mellen at (847) 244-3698.

RICHMOND

• **Richmond Lions Club 13th Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage fundraiser.** 4-8 p.m., Saturday, March 3. Nippersink Middle School, Hwy. 12. Donations are \$7, with children under 6 free. All proceeds go to schools and community projects.

• **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

ROUND LAKE BEACH

• **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 4-6 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Condell Acute Care Center, 2 E. Rollins Rd. For more information, call (847) 377-8470.

SPRING GROVE

• **Fox Lake School District 114 Board of Education meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Lotus School, 29067 W. Grass Lake Rd.

WAUCONDA

• **Expo 2007.** Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wauconda High School, 555 N. Main St. More than 50 booths feature local businesses and organizations. Admission is free. For more information, call the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce office at (847) 526-5580.

WAUKEGAN

• **CLC's 23rd Annual Salute to Gospel Music.** 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24. Genesee Theatre, 221 N. Genesee St. Tickets are \$26 for general admission and \$24 for CLC students, staff and alumni, and seniors. For ticket information, in Waukegan call (847) 543-2191, and in Grayslake call (847) 543-2300.

ZION

• **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Mondays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

• **Zion Park District Senior Citizens Club meeting.** 10 a.m., Wednesdays. Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave.

SALEM, WIS.

• **Senior Coffee Hour.** 9 a.m., first Fridays. Salem Community Library, 24615 89th St. Coffee, healthy snacks, programs for seniors and good conversation. Call (262) 843-3348 for details.

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NORTH CHICAGO

Success off the street



Cedric Lee stands next to his co-worker Melvin Ford at the Public Action to Deliver Shelter and Supportive Services (PADS) office in North Chicago. Both men were clients of PADS before becoming employees. Lee is now program director, and Ford is a client advocate at PADS.

Former clients of local shelter turn life around, give back

By MATT PERA
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NORTH CHICAGO — Several plaques adorn the wall in Cedric Lee's office, engraved with phrases such as "Certificate of Appreciation," and "Award of Gratitude."

Some are addressed specifically to Lee, while others are expressions of thanks directed toward Lake County's Public Action to Deliver Shelter and Supportive Services (PADS).

Lee, the program director for PADS, pointed to one award in which he takes particular pride. It came from North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham, and conveyed his appreciation for the role PADS played in aiding the 160-plus victims of Hurricane Katrina who were displaced and found temporary homes in Lake County.

Lee said he spent a good deal of time watching coverage of the hurricane's devastation on CNN — and making sure his

staff did the same — so that PADS was well-prepared for the evacuees' arrival.

"I was hearing the complaints about what [the victims] were going through," he said. "I didn't want them to go through that when they came up here."

Donations of time and goods from volunteers, members of the community and PADS staff helped ensure that the hurricane evacuees were able to live comfortably while in Lake County.

Lee recalled one girl, who was autistic and in a wheelchair, who had escaped the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast with her mother and brother.

"When I [saw] her, I thought, 'That's a real survivor right there,'" he said.

Path to PADS

Lee, who turns 48 at the end of this month, knows something about survival.

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The more you know ...

The Lake County Journals has examined homelessness in Lake County with a four-part series. Below is an overview of the series.

Feb. 2: Looked at the issue of homelessness in the area during the annual "Point-in-Time Homeless Count" completed by the Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) Crisis Services and Lake County Homeless Services.

Feb. 9: Examined of various services in the county that are geared toward feeding the homeless.

Feb. 16: Looked at the issue of youth homelessness in the area.

Feb. 23: The success stories of people who have suffered through homelessness and rebounded to find permanent housing and a source of income.

LINDENHURST

Residents speak out

Community calls for Lindenhurst hospital

By TARA CLIFTON
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LINDENHURST — When County Board Chairwoman Suzi Schmidt learned of a Web site petition in support of building a hospital in Lindenhurst, Schmidt said she sent the link to everyone on her e-mail list.

That same day, Schmidt said she received a phone call from Barbara Martin, President and CEO of Vista Health System.

"She said 'Holy cow, have we gotten a lot of hits from Lindenhurst and your district,'" Schmidt said.

"I just put it out there so if people wanted to voice their opinion, they could do it in a simpler fashion."

Whether Vista Medical Center in Lindenhurst becomes a reality depends upon the approval of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. But if many Lindenhurst residents had their way, the building's foundation would be poured tomorrow.

Lindenhurst resident Susan Lahr, a Village Board president candidate for the April election, earlier this month gave more than 100 letters of support she had gathered to Darrell Blaylock, assistant CEO of Vista Health System.

Lahr said most of the letters were written by Lindenhurst residents, but many also came from Antioch, Lake Villa, and Gurnee.

The hospital is necessary to aiding those who need emergency care, Lahr said.

See VISTA, page A31

Johnson tries to duck gun charges

Motion to dismiss hinges residency of Bears player

By EMILY PREVITI
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WAUKEGAN — Court appearances have likely long since lost their luster for Terry "Tank" Johnson. But last week the Bears' defensive tackle's legal battles showed their wear on his wardrobe. For the first time during recent visits to Lake and Cook County courts, Johnson appeared to don duds he had already worn.

Irrespective of his clothing, the 6-foot-3 Bears players could avoid trial for illegal gun possession charges, if the court approves a motion filed by his lawyer last week.

Defense attorney Tom Briscoe said Johnson's residency in Arizona, where the guns were bought, precludes him from Illinois law regarding the firearm owner's identification card.

Briscoe presented a motion to dismiss 10 counts of possession of a firearm without a FOID card during a Feb. 16 hearing before Associate Circuit Judge Brian Hughes, of the Lake County 15th Judicial Circuit Court.

Keith Manning, law enforcement liaison for the Maricopa County, Ariz., attorney's office, said gun laws in Arizona are "very different" from those in Illinois.

The law in Illinois is more restrictive in general, according to ratings from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, but less so when it comes to regulations governing juvenile possession, sale and transfer of firearms. Neither state limits number of handguns purchased, nor limits assault

weapons and magazines.

Arizona weapon holders can take certified classes to obtain permits to conceal and carry weapons, Manning said. Those licenses do not exist in Illinois. Briscoe said Johnson does not have a CCW permit.

State law in Washington requires state or federal background checks, depending upon the type of gun one desires to buy, according to the Brady Campaign's Web site. In Arizona or Illinois, one must undergo checks at both levels, but only Illinois requires a license or permit, the FOID. None of the states' laws require registration of guns.

"I assume ... police just seized the weapons — they didn't even inquire if he had a FOID card," Briscoe said.

Investigators did, in fact, scan the Law Enforcement Agency Data System before they made the arrest, and discovered Johnson did not have a FOID, according to Gurnee police Commander Jay Patrick.

Johnson, 25, was practicing with the Bears when police raided his Gurnee home Dec. 14. They uncovered 225 ounces of marijuana, six guns and 550 rounds of ammunition.

Johnson's housemate William Posey, 26, accepted responsibility for the marijuana. Less than 43 hours after his arrest, he died of a gunshot wound suffered after an altercation at a Chicago nightclub. Michael Seville, 34, of Chicago, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder charges for Posey's death.

Police began their surveillance in November after neighbors complained of gunshots in



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Bears defensive tackle Tank Johnson enters the Lake County Courthouse with his attorney, Tom Briscoe, Friday morning. Briscoe filed a motion to dismiss weapons charges against Johnson.

the defensive tackle's backyard. Officers, who did not have a warrant at the time, were denied entry to the home by Posey when they responded to the call, according to police reports.

Trash pick-ups unearthed seeds and stems from marijuana, Briscoe explained, prompting the search that resulted in damage to Johnson's front door.

"The possession [of] the weapons was legitimate and the arrest was a mistake," Briscoe said.

Patrick said Johnson's residency is a court matter, but that the requirement of a FOID card applies only to residents of Illinois.

"There was no way of knowing ... at the time" of the raid

where the guns had been purchased, Patrick added.

"We trace weapons after we seize them," he said.

Patrick said the trace showed that Johnson had bought most of the guns in 2005. Investigators could not determine some dates of purchase because Johnson bought some weapons from previous owners, according to Patrick.

Briscoe said he had contention with the search, but declined to elaborate. He would not press the issue, he explained, should the court dismiss charges.

Johnson has pleaded not guilty to the charges. If convicted, he could pay \$2,500 in fines and spend up to one year in jail.

Briscoe declined to identify the town of Johnson's residency; however, Johnson's relatives live in Tempe, Ariz. His girlfriend and their two young children split time between Arizona and Illinois, according to Briscoe.

Johnson could face additional jail time or a revamped probation, pending the outcome of Cook County probation violation charges.

His Gurnee arrest violated his Cook County probation for illegal weapons possession in 2005.

Cook County Judge John Moran sentenced Johnson to house arrest and forbade him from leaving the state for the violation, to which Johnson pleaded guilty last week. During that proceeding, Moran also denied Johnson's request to lift the home confinement sanction.

Johnson will appear again in court in Lake County March 9 and in Cook County March 15.

After adjudication of Johnson's Lake County charges, Moran could revoke or extend Johnson's probation, or sentence him to jail.

Lake County Sheriff deputy leaves duties, lasting impression

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Waukegan — The Lake County Sheriff's Office recently lost one of its most highly regarded deputies to retirement.

Deputy Richard "Richie" Bilisko stepped down on Jan. 30, after more than 20 years of service in law enforcement.

Bilisko, of Wauconda, began his career

as a Hawthorn Woods police sergeant in 1979. He left that position to begin a career with the Lake County Sheriff's Office in 1986.

Within months, Bilisko was transferred to the juvenile investigations division where he would remain as a detective for more than 15 years.

During his tenure in the juvenile divi-

sion, Bilisko arrested several sexual predators.

"Having worked with Rich Bilisko while I was a prosecutor with the Lake County State's Attorneys Office, I am well aware of the passion he has had for his work," Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran said. "We are grateful for his dedication and devotion to the young people of Lake

County over the years."

Bilisko has been a longtime board member of the both Illinois and Lake County Juvenile Officer Associations.

Serving as president of the Illinois association for many years, Bilisko strived to enhance the skills of juvenile officers and also worked with legislature to strengthen laws pertaining to juvenile crime.

Education funding reform remains hot topic among leaders

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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VERNON HILLS — Elgin Mayor Edward Schock took a lot of ribbing from Roger Byrne, Vernon Hills Village Board president, about how much money Elgin gets from its riverboat casino. Schock said even though the Grand Victoria generates \$25 million a year for the city, none of it goes toward education funding.

Members of the Lake County Municipal League met Feb. 15 at the Vernon Hills Golf Course to discuss how Illinois can reform education funding, and in turn take the burden off taxpayers.

Schock was a teacher and administrator for 33 years, which he thinks puts him in a unique position to discuss reform. And, as a member of the Illinois' Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Schock adds that education reform is one of that group's top priorities.

Statistically, Schock said 30 percent of Illinois households do not have children living in them, and that number is increasing yearly. He added that residents who don't have children often feel frustrated that they have to pay such a whopping property tax bill.

Schock also said that referendums don't just fail in poorer communities; the village of St. Charles has lost its last three attempts to pass a referendum.

"Illinois has the second greatest disparity between the richest and the poorest districts [in education funding]," Schock said. "The greatest factor in getting a good education is by the community the kids live in, and they have no choice in it."

Along with reforming funding, Schock said it's important

for taxpayers to see what they are getting for their money like the way of student performance.

He added that the standards for tests like the ISAT never stay the same two years in a row.

Schock said the idea of funding education in any way, other than through property taxes, is what he describes "worse than an uphill battle. High property taxes force people out of their homes."

Illinois, Schock said, has one of the lowest income tax rates in the country. If the income tax level were to raise from 3 to 5 percent, he said \$3 billion to 5 billion could be generated, specifically for education.

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus is reviewing the income tax plan, as well as broadening the Illinois sales tax to include services, and other plans.

"We're not looking to create equity by taking anyone down or by taking anyone else's money," Schock said, adding that he wouldn't keep any community from increasing its property taxes.

Elliott Harstein, Village Board president for the village of Buffalo Grove, said if state and federal programs like special education are required, the state and federal government should be required to help fund those programs.

Harstein said he's not against special education, but said that program in particular requires 20 to 25 percent of each school district's budget.

Grayslake Village Board President Tim Perry, who also serves as president of the Lake County Municipal League, said he personally doesn't want to send another tax dollar to Springfield because, "I know we won't get it back."

Tinkering with science



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Children from the Boys and Girls Club in Waukegan play with various science gadgets during the club's science fair. The science fair took place on Feb. 10.

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Our View

Warming issue one for feds

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has set an ambitious goal of reducing the amount of heat-trapping gas emissions in Illinois to 1990 levels by the year 2020.

The announcement by Blagojevich is little more than hot air. There is no actual plan to reduce emissions; and there is little reason to believe that much will come of the pronouncement.

Blagojevich is, after all, the same man who in 2002 said that he would clean up state government.

In a sense, Blagojevich has kept that promise — he has garnered so much attention from U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald that many people probably are wary of conducting business as usual in the state.

On global warming, Blagojevich is saying the right things.

The vast majority of the world's scientists think that global warming could lead to calamities and that the phenomenon is being caused by human activity.

Only a fool could ignore the overwhelming amount of information stating the case for reduced carbon dioxide emissions. Politicians such as Blagojevich should show leadership on the issue and pres-

sure the federal government to take the appropriate action.

However, Blagojevich continues to talk out of both sides of his mouth. The Chicago Tribune reported that Blagojevich's administration has approved five new coal-fired power plants. Coal power plants produce greenhouse gases.

The Tribune also reported that only one of the five new power plants is required to offset its emissions with wind energy.

None of this is surprising. Blagojevich said all the right things about recent electricity rate increases, too, but failed to take serious action to stop them or to protect consumers. In the end, Blagojevich appears unwilling or unable to confront utilities in any meaningful way.

Regardless of what Blagojevich says and does on global warming, it ultimately is a federal issue.

The fact that some states such as California have taken the lead is fine. But what we need is a national policy that addresses the issue. If Blagojevich cares about global warming, he should pressure the Illinois congressional delegation to get something accomplished at the federal level.

Letters to the editor

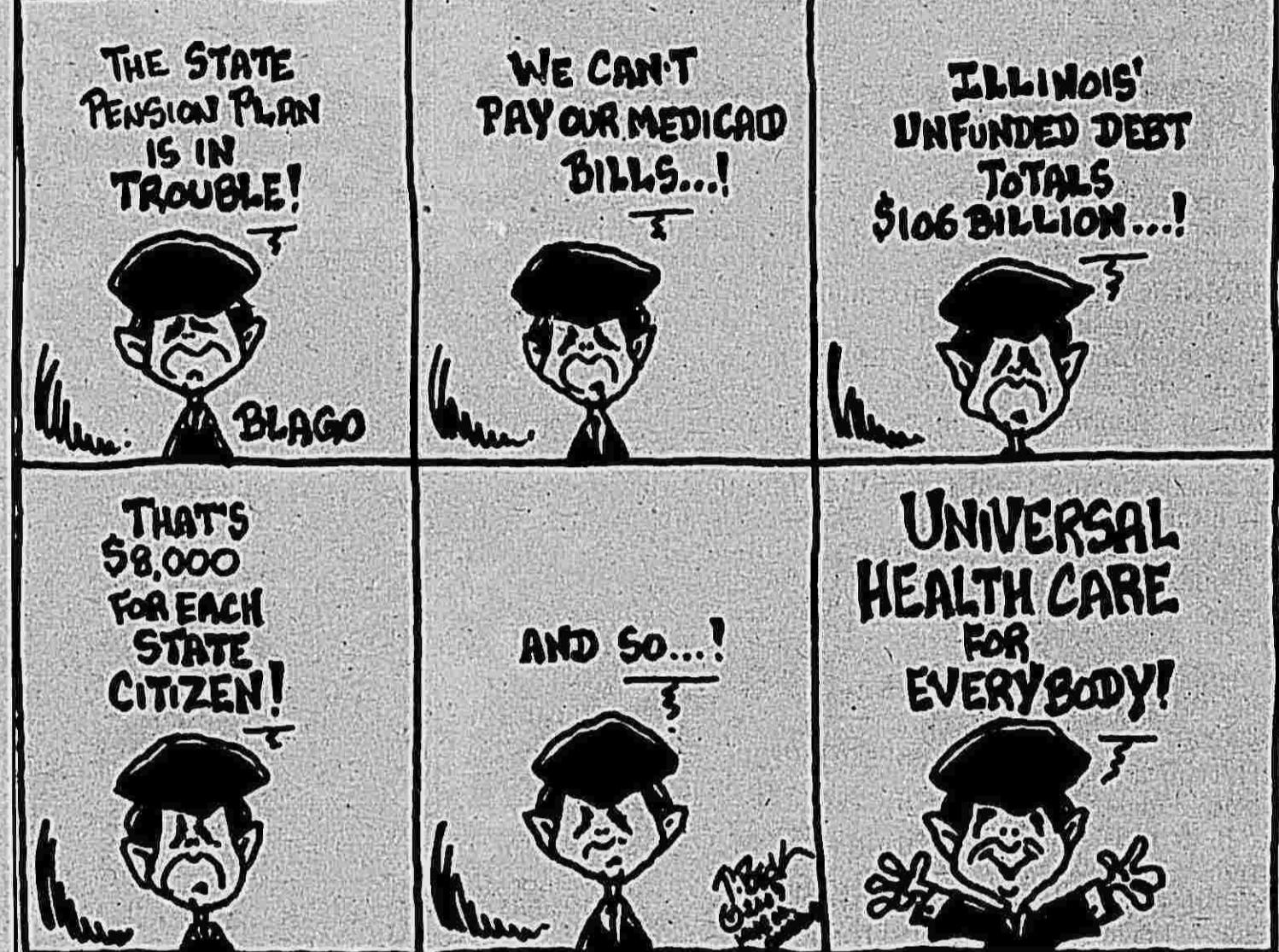
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Seeing it Through

Illinois Legislature, federal judge caught in 'special' license plate game

A federal judge recently ordered the state of Illinois to begin issuing specialty license plates bearing the message, "Choose Life."

If that decision is not reversed, any group of 850 or more might demand that a message of its choosing be printed by the state on a specialty plate. That message might be feelings on a special cause, a protest, or some other collective message.

As you might know, the Illinois Legislature has created specialty plates representing many different causes such as organ donors, Pearl Harbor survivors, violence prevention and many other meritorious causes. In recent years, the Legislature has been at the brink of cutting off any more of the specialty plates. The number of the special plates has become too numerous. I think that there are 60 such plates for different causes.

The judge's opinion, from what I understand, is that those

who want to use their plates to designate support or opposition to a particular cause should be given an opportunity to do so. To deny them would be a violation of their freedom of speech. That's a stretch.

First of all, there is a legitimate use of license plates to determine ownership of vehicles. It is important for law enforcement authorities, in a variety of civil or criminal matters, to use license plate information.

The law enforcement community, at different times, has expressed its concerns that the state has too many specialty plates.

Their concerns would be stronger, I'm sure, but they

don't want to offend the many good causes that benefit from the specialty plates. But it is clear that the volume of specialty plates makes their job of tracing license plate owners much more difficult. It would be reasonable that the Legislature take another look to see whether they should limit such specialty plates.

I understand that the secretary of state has asked Attorney General Lisa Madigan to appeal the ruling. If the state were forced to abide by the judge's order, it could end up chaotic, with no limit in the future of specialty plates.

Although the Legislature has been liberal in allowing specialty plates, it has assiduously avoided approval of those that might arouse controversial issues, especially political and social ones.

See MATIJEVICH, page A30



John S.
Matijevich

● Snapshot

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"Do you think the proposed \$1 coins would be an effective form of U.S. currency? Why or Why not?"



"It's gonna be too heavy."
Madi Amoral
Vernon Hills



"Dollar bills fit into your wallet better."
Hayley Little
Grayslake



"I think the paper dollar is easy to carry."
Ginny Ferrari
Vernon Hills



"It's going to be too heavy. I am not sure [whether] it is really cost effective."
Anita Rieke
Libertyville

● Partylines compiled from staff reports

Ticket latest barb in resident vs. village feud

A Fox Lake resident who has been critical of village government has been issued a ticket alleging he violated a local ordinance.

"They gave me a \$500 ticket for someone else's garbage," Glenn Close said. "There is a vacant lot three lots away from mine on Tremont Avenue. Why would I dump garbage there?"

"This is not fair the way they have been treating me. They are retaliating against me and trying to get me to shut up."

Village board President Cindy Irwin acknowledged that Close was given a ticket, but said that she could not discuss the details.

In another battle between the two, Close said he regretted "having to show photos of the mayor's business on the Web site. But what they did to me was unfair. I have a 6-foot fence and hedge rows, not in the open," Close said.

Irwin said that a camper would be removed from her yard.

Close said he would continue to post signs up for his Web site, www.foxlakesux.com.

One place where the signs were placed was the Volo Auto Museum. Owner Greg Gram said he did not want them near his business's signs.

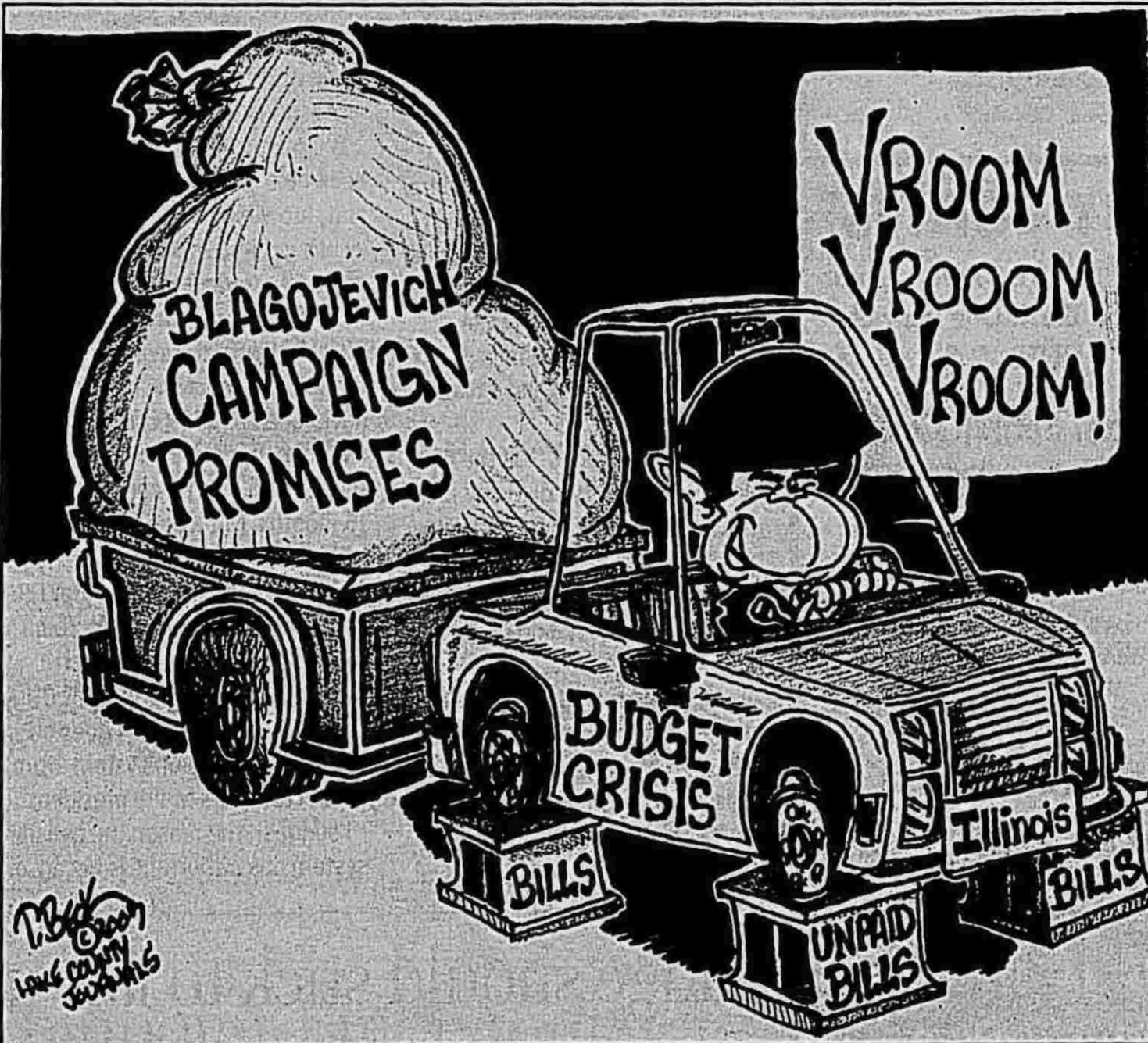
Tower tiff seeks options

Lake County Forest Preserve officials have expressed their displeasure about the location of a water tower in Volo.

Forest preserve Executive Director Tom Hahn confirmed that he had sent a letter to Volo officials about the water tower's location.

"We have asked to discuss options with them," Hahn said. "Then when none came, we asked them to move the water tower. They have asked for time to come up with options."

The problem stems from the water tower's location in ease-



ments for the Forest Preserve's Millennium Trail.

"The easement states that no above-ground utilities can be put there," Hahn said.

The water tower is expected to serve hundreds of new homes that have been approved in Volo. It is situated off Fish Lake Road and Route 60.

The Lake County Forest Preserve's land acquisition and preservation committee sent a letter to the village of Volo after discussing the matter during a meeting at Independence Grove Forest Preserve near Libertyville.

The Volo Village Board was

expected to discuss that matter at its Feb. 20 meeting.

"We have met with their staff and discussed some alternatives for the easement," Russell said. "We did reach a compromise on what would be worked on. We have been working faithfully with them."

Russell confirmed that the water tower encroaches 16 feet into the trail easement.

Moving the trail easement would mean the loss of a baseball field at the municipal complex, Russell said.

"They presented us with a revised easement, but that was unacceptable to the Forest Preserve

needs," said Bonnie Carter, president of the Lake County Forest Preserve.

"They will pay for everything, from our legal costs for refiling and removal of the water tower. There are also plans for a water treatment building, and building pads on the easement."

Carter added that the village knew where the easement was.

Teen drinking law targets parents

To address the ongoing pattern of tragic accidents involving underage drinking, State Sen. Susan Garrett, D-Lake Forest, was joined recently by community leaders, law enforce-

ment, and parents who support an initiative to send a clear message – the law forbids parents to condone the use of alcohol by teens in their homes.

The law states that if parents allow underage drinking, the parents can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor.

Garrett's bill, SB158, adds a new provision, which carries a Class 4 felony charge if bodily harm occurs when parents are aware that alcohol is being served in their home.

"Our goal is to forge a partnership with our local communities, schools, and law enforcement to make sure that the responsibility is shared, and for the first time we are bringing parents into the equation," she said. "It's just not acceptable for parents to believe that serving alcohol to underage drinkers is harmless."

Governor grapples with greenhouse gases

Illinois lawmakers want to slash the production of heat-trapping greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020 and 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's office announced those goals as part of the state's long-term strategy to combat global climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect the environment and public health.

Other states have set similar goals. Legislators chose to pursue such measures because of the potential for global warming to cause droughts, flooding, extreme heat events and subsequent issues that would decimate health, agriculture, local ecosystems, infrastructure and private property.

Illinois' Climate Change Advisory Group will meet over six months to identify measures to reduce greenhouse gases.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

He will do the right thing

To the Editor:

I lived in the 6th Ward for many years, and I know that Keith Turner is one of the most patriotic, hardest working and dedicated community activists in Waukegan.

Keith is a fiscal conservative with an exceptional grasp of the issues in the 6th Ward. Being a Navy veteran with expertise in both operations and project management gives him a unique perspective and some solid ideas to finally do something about the same old problems in the 6th Ward and to stop wasteful spending and annual tax increases.

The citizens of the 6th Ward would do well to elect Keith Turner

as their new alderman. Keith is in touch with the needs and desires of the voters, and while he is open minded, he remains steadfast in his beliefs. You can be sure that Keith will always put the voters first and that he is not motivated by self-interests.

I think that Keith is someone who would stand up for law enforcement, while protecting the rights of individuals and is the best possible choice.

On Feb. 27, please vote for Keith Turner, a friend in whom I have every confidence and someone you can count on to do the right thing."

Mark Curran Jr.

Lake County Sheriff



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Bob Powers

Lake County Board District 16

What a country!

To the Editor:

As that Russian comic, Yakim Smirnoff said, "What a country."

We have former Gov. Ryan, who was tried and convicted on all counts, sentenced, and still sitting at home. The people of Illinois voted yes for the death penalty and Gov. Ryan overturns it. When he first ran for governor, he ran on no new taxes. After he got elected, when asked, why he raised taxes, his response, "I changed my mind."

The people of Illinois should have been able to change their mind, and throw him out.

Let's get into the pension system of all government workers.

The former governor said he paid \$250,000 into the system; that is more than likely true. He would have received \$198,000 a year, which means he would have gotten back all that he contributed in 15 months. Not a bad investment.

Then we have the woman in Chicago, who was working for the city, appointed to a post for four months before retiring, which pushed her pension from \$72,000 to \$144,000 a year. This goes on through the pension system, from school teachers to the president.

I suggest, the reason the pension system has a shortage is because

the very people collecting it are raiding it. It sure sounds like socialism to me.

"What a country."

Edmund J. Roberts

Antioch

Great job

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) maintenance team for its valiant efforts to keep up with the snowy havoc that Mother Nature has created throughout the past several days.

Despite being understaffed, and experiencing several equipment breakdowns, IDOT's road crews did an exemplary job of keeping up with snow removal on all of our state roads throughout Lake County.

Even with the arrival of the sun and clear roads, IDOT staff continued to work double shifts to remove snow drifts in anticipation of high winds predicted for later in the week.

Again, on behalf of my constituents in District 62, kudos to the IDOT road crews for their endeavors to provide safer roads for our families during inclement weather conditions – it is greatly appreciated.

State Representative
Sandy Cole
62nd Legislative District



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Judge should stick to law interpretation

• MATIJEVICH

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I think that has been a wise decision. If people want to freely express his or her opinion of such matters on their motor vehicles, they can register their feelings on bumper stickers or magnetic signs on their cars.

There's always a way.

The court case has created a controversy of its own because there are many who think the "Choose Life" message on the specialty plate is being promoted by some who want to engage their anti-abortion sentiments through state government. The supporters of the plates claim otherwise; that they are trying to support adoption counseling.

The over-reaching issue, as far as I am concerned, is that the creation of the specialty plates in Illinois is the prerogative of the Legislature

and it cannot be done by judicial fiat.

How many times have I heard that judges must not make the law, they must interpret the law? To allow this extension of the present specialty license plate law, by executing the judicial order, would cause a bureaucratic and administrative nightmare.

At a time when the state has expressed intentions to limit the specialty license plate program, following the federal judge's order would exacerbate the problem. There would be no end in sight. Plus, there would be no control regarding what types of specialty plate messages would be printed, as long as you had the 850 or more subscribers.

Can you see how all of that could be a nightmare? It's no wonder that Secretary of State Jesse White has asked that the order be appealed.

• John Matijevich writes a weekly column for the Lake County Journals.

PADS clients use life lessons to become leaders for new clients

• HOMELESS

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He has battled addiction, homelessness and family estrangement, and has come out on the other side with a perspective on life that stresses perseverance.

Lee speaks with high energy and smiles often as he relates the path that led him to PADS, first as a client and now as one of its top organizers.

He grew up on the South Side of Chicago and joined the Marine Corps as soon as he graduated from high school. After three years, he returned to his old neighborhood and began using drugs.

By 1995, that drug use had left Lee homeless and separated from his wife.

"Today I look back on it and say I'm glad it happened because it prepared me for what I'm doing today," he said.

In 2000, Lee entered a 35-day treatment program at the North Chicago Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Upon completion, he moved to the PADS Help Center, also located on the North Chicago VA campus.

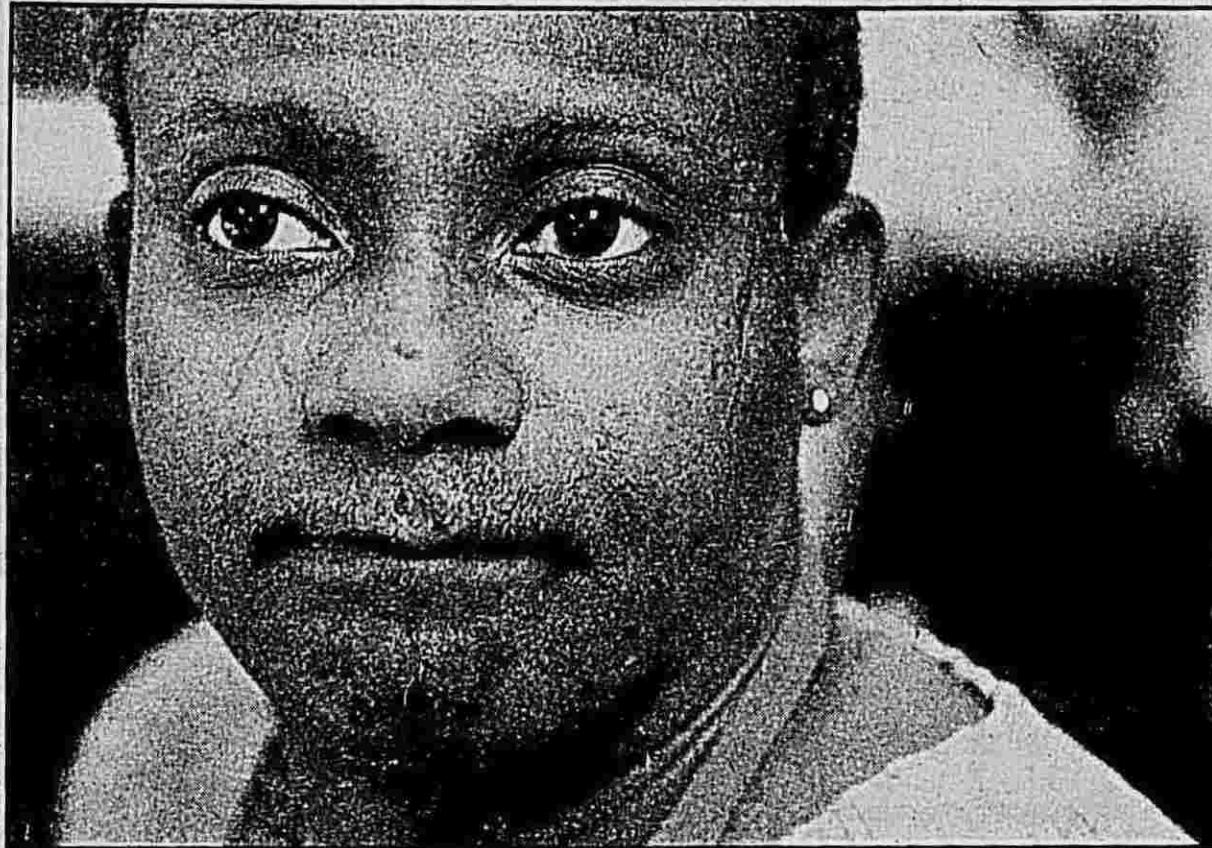
The six-month program emphasized staying clean, finding permanent housing and getting a job.

Lee became a staff member at the Help Center after completing the program, and also enrolled at the College of Lake County with a major in human services.

About a year and a half later, he became a program manager at the PADS day shelter. Two years after that, he was promoted to program director.

Since he became involved with PADS, Lee said he has learned a good deal about the many reasons people might become homeless.

"What I've learned is, it doesn't matter to me what got a person here," he said. "I'm just glad they came because I know it takes a lot for them to sit up and say, 'Hey, I need help.'"



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnews.com

Maurice Bankhead reflects on his work at Public Action to Deliver Shelter and Supportive Services (PADS) in North Chicago. Bankhead was a client in 2005 but relapsed and returned to jail. He now has changed his lifestyle and works as a front desk coordinator at PADS.

Turnaround

PADS Executive Director Cathy Curran said Lee has been a prime example of how former clients become effective members of the organization's staff.

"He has been through it himself and can have the right amount of compassion and empathy," she said.

That is one of the main reasons, she said, that 48 percent of PADS advocates have previously been homeless or are recovering addicts.

Melvin Ford, 51, entered the Help Center in the summer of 2005 and completed the program in January of 2006.

He now works as a case manager at PADS, helping clients find social services in Lake County that will help them regain control of their lives.

Ford said he deals with close to 60 people every week who are looking to turn

their lives around like he has. They also serve as a reminder for Ford to maintain his sobriety.

"I thought maybe that this situation would continue to help me not only stay clean, but show somebody that they can change," he said.

David Clemons, who is a file clerk and outreach coordinator at PADS, also is a former client. He explained that determination was a key factor to become, and remain, self-sufficient.

"You just have to get yourself motivated to get out of that predicament, because anybody is two paychecks away from being there themselves," he said.

Life lessons

Lee remembers what it was like to get a paycheck and wake up the following morning with it completely spent. That

On the Net: To see a video featuring Cedric Lee and other PADS staff members discussing their work, visit LakeCountyJournals.com starting Feb. 23. An audio slide show examining homelessness in Lake County also is available at the Web site.



was when he was in Chicago, "Living to get high and getting high to live," he explained.

That is all different now.

"I've got to make sure, if nothing else, that I go to work every day just to pay my bills," he said. "And even if there's no money left after the bills are paid, I'm happy, because the money went somewhere."

Last May, Lee's 15-year-old son, Charles, moved from the South Side of Chicago, where he had been living with his mother, to live with his father in North Chicago.

When he's not at Warren Township High School, where he is currently a sophomore, he can often be found at PADS spending time with his father.

Lee said he has been open with his son about his past struggles because, "I don't want to see him having to go through what I went through."

"I like to put a lot of choices in his hands, because I want to see if he's making good decisions or not," Lee said. "If he makes a bad decision, I'm going to stop it and tell him why it's a bad decision. I feel like, right now, I'm coaching him on life."

Those lessons are not lost on Charles, who said he has learned a good deal from his father.

"My dad has just always told me, 'You're going to do what you're going to do, but don't ever forget where you came from and don't forget where you're trying to go,'" he said.

Vista officials pinpoint Lindenhurst as 'great location' for hospital

• VISTA

Continued from A25

"We're very proud to support it," she said. "It's a great win for Lindenhurst to get this hospital."

If the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board gives the go-ahead, Vista officials hope to break ground for the 60,000 square feet physician office building this spring, according to Vista's Web site.

Plans also call for a 215,000 square foot hospital with 140 beds, five operating room suites, outpatient rehabilitation

and more. The total cost of the project is \$99.8 million.

And Vista officials have eyed Lindenhurst for its project for 20 years, said Cory C. Savage, a Vista spokesman.

"It's a great location, and provides the greatest access for northwestern Lake County," Savage said.

The hospital would be built off Grand Avenue, where Vista's Surgery Center and MRI Institute, along with Village of Victory Lakes assisted living facility, are located.

These buildings have been the precursor to bringing a full-scale hospital to Lindenhurst,

"We're very proud to support it. It's a great win for Lindenhurst to get this hospital"

Susan Lahr
Lindenhurst resident, Village Board president candidate

said Village Board president Jim Betustak, who was a

trustee when Vista bought the property in 1987.

Both Savage and Betustak said Lindenhurst's centralized location best serves western Lake County.

The hospital has been badly needed for years, Betustak said. Emergency personnel's travel times would be cut down drastically, offering the best care for patients.

"Public support is absolutely essential," Betustak said. "This is not just a Lindenhurst issue, it's a northwest Lake County issue. [We've] got to keep the bigger picture in mind."

And through enough letters,

Voice your choice

Log onto www.thefutureofvista.com to find an online petition and to learn more about Vista Health System plans for a Lindenhurst hospital.

an online petition, and e-mail chains, Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board members might get the message, Schmidt said.

"It's a matter of life and death if you can get to a hospital. It's huge," Schmidt said. "All we can do is keep contacting the review board."

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MARY SANZONE

Born: July 18, 1918
Died: Feb. 14, 2007

Former member of the Italian-American Club

WAUKEGAN—Mary Sanzone, age 88 of Waukegan, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007 at her home. She was a former employee of the Johns-Manville Corp., and a former member of the Italian-American Club of Waukegan.

Surviving are her son, Michael Sanzone of Antioch; six grandchildren; nine great-grandsons; one great-great-grandson and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, — Dominic and Grace Sacramento; by her husband, Antonino in 1988; her son, Michael in 1937; a daughter, Marie Antoinette Christian in 2006; her son-in-law, Dorsey "Mark" Christian; a daughter-in-law, Judy Sanzone; four brothers and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Feb. 19 at Our Lady of Humility Catholic Church in Beach Park. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was at the time of service only. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest

Book at
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JAMES J. 'GIO' GIOVENCO

Born: Dec. 25, 1950
Died: Feb. 13, 2007

GRAYSLAKE—James J. "Gio" Giovenco, age 56 of Grayslake, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Husband of Ellen Miller-Giovenco; son of Dominic and Ann (nee Virgilio) Giovenco; father of Jamie Giovenco and Kari (Marty) Cashmore; grandfather to five; and many other relatives and friends, survive.

Friends of the family visited on Feb. 18 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Feb. 19 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, in River Grove, reconvening at the cemetery office at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Children's Burn Camp, 601 Railroad Ave., Round Lake, IL 60073, would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

OBITUARIES**IDA M. MICHELINI**

Born: Feb. 17, 1914
Died: Feb. 17, 2007
Was a homemaker

ROUND LAKE—Ida M. Michelini, age 93, of Round Lake, formerly of Norwood Park, died Feb. 17, 2007, on her birthday, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are her son, Walter J. Michelini Jr.; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter J. Michelini Sr. in 1976; and a granddaughter.

Visitation was held on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon at the M.J. Suerth Funeral Home in Chicago, with Pastor David C. Nelson of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating. Interment was at the Union Ridge Cemetery. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

SHIRLEY ANN HADAD

Born: July 11, 1933
Died: Feb. 17, 2007
Worked at Lambs Farm in Libertyville

ANTIOCH—Shirley Ann Hadad, age 73 of Antioch, passed away Saturday Feb. 17, 2007 at Condell

Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born July 11, 1933 in Chicago, the daughter of the late George and Lucille (Guy) Schultz, living in Beach Park before moving to Antioch in 1985. Shirley had worked for many years as the head teller for the Bank of Waukegan, later worked at Lambs Farm in Libertyville and the First National Bank of Antioch. She was a member of St. Peter Church. On March 1, 1952, she married Warren Hadad in Waukegan.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Warren; her four children, Gary (Diane) Hadad of Ingleside, Jerry (Teresa) Hadad of Richmond, LuAnn (Jerry) Miller of Antioch and Leslie Wenzel of Twin Lakes, Wis.; two brothers, Russell (Laura) Schultz of Cambridge, Md. and Larry (Pam) Schultz of Wildwood; her sister, Linda (Dean) Pedersen of Antioch; 11 grandchildren, Nicholas, Jason, Jeremy, Onya, Vicki, Jennifer, Greg, Stephanie, Rachelyn, Jake and Josh; and seven great-grandchildren, Bradley, Alex, Alyssa, Collin, Lindsay, Danielle and Allison. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews including, Dean Jr. and Jeannine Pedersen. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and George Schultz; and a sister Dee Turnbaugh.

Funeral Services with Mass of

Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Peter Church, 557 Lake St. in Antioch. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St., (Rte 83). Friends desiring may make contributions, in her memory, to the Antioch Rescue Squad. Please sign our guest book for Shirley at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

RICHARD ALLEN GOODMAN JR.

Born: July 18, 1930
Died: Feb. 17, 2007
Retired from the home building business

LIBERTYVILLE—Richard Allen Goodman Jr., age 76, of Libertyville, passed away Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007. He was born July 18, 1930 in Chicago. He had retired from the home building business as a pioneer in the component home industry.

He was the beloved husband of 55 years to Sally (nee Dysln); loving father of Richard A. Goodman III of

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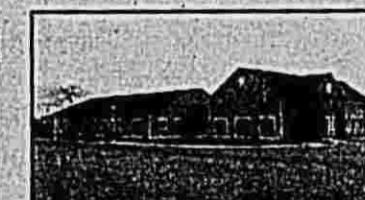
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Libertyville, Dale (Rick) Theiler of Plymouth, Wis., Laurle Goodman of Libertyville and Bill (Cathy) Goodman of Lake Bluff; grandfather of 13; great-grandfather of two; brother of two; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 20 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

LOUISE C. JAREMUS

Born: Jan. 19, 1924
Died: Feb. 14, 2007

Loved all types of animals and was fond of the humane society

LIBERTYVILLE—Louise C. Jaremus, age 82 of Libertyville, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was a very kind and caring woman who loved all types of animals and was fond of the humane society.

Surviving are her sister, Catherine Brown of Lake Forest; and her brother, Robert (Cheryl) Baker of Bakersfield, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alladdin W. Jaremus on March 25, 1987.

Visitation was from 11:30 a.m. until the time of services at 1 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

DIANE L. TURNER
(nee GISH)

Born: Sept. 28, 1953
Died: Feb. 16, 2007
A Liberal Arts graduate from Hope College in Holland, Mich.

WAUCONDA—Diane L. Turner (nee Gish), age 53 of Wauconda, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007 at home. Born Sept. 28, 1953 in Altadena, Calif. She lived in Wauconda for 24 years. She was a Liberal Arts graduate from Hope College in Holland, Mich.

She was the beloved wife of Gregg; loving mother of Julie, Jane and Jacqueline; devoted daughter of George and Georgia Gish; and had three cherished sisters, James (Peggy) Gish, Shirley (Alex) Schargorodsky and Nancy Casella.

A memorial visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 21, at the Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations to a favorite charity of one's choice is suggested. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

GLENN A. JAHNKE

Born: Aug. 27, 1953
Died: Feb. 13, 2007

He was recognized as a top nature photographer in the midwest

NORTH CHICAGO—Glenn A. Jahnke, age 53 of North Chicago, died Feb. 13, 2007 at Lake Forest Hospital in Lake Forest. He was born in Libertyville, the son of Walter and Lorraine Jahnke. He worked for the city of North Chicago for 33 years. He has traveled the country bird watching and has sold photographs of birds to various publications.

Glenn is survived by his mother, Lorraine (Zdanowicz) Jahnke; grandmother, Helen (Wasniewski) Zdanowicz of Brandon, Fla.; three brothers; two sisters; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter in 2001; his grandfather, Casimir Zdanowicz.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 16 at the Salata Funeral Chapel in North Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m., Feb. 17 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in North Chicago. Interment was private. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

BRUCE ANTHONY SWOPES

Born: June 10, 1956
Died: Feb. 11, 2007

He attended North Chicago High school

ROCKFORD—Bruce Anthony Swopes, age 50 of Rockford, formerly of North Chicago, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at the Swedish American Hospital in Rockford.

Bruce is survived by his step-mother, Mary Swopes of North Chicago; siblings; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Chester A. Swopes in 2006; his mother, Chessie B. Cole-Swopes in 2003; a brother; grandparents.

The funeral was held at noon on Feb. 19 at Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago, with Pastor Henry Woods officiating. Visitation began at 11 a.m. Interment was at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee. Arrangements were handled by

OBITUARIES

Bradshaw & Range funeral Home in Waukegan. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

LIBERTY MARY ALISE MARKOUTSIS

Born: Sept. 13, 2006
Died: Feb. 13, 2007
Died suddenly at home

BEACH PARK—Liberty Mary Alise Markoutsis, age 5 months of Beach Park, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at home. She was born on Sept. 13, 2006 in Waukegan.

She is survived by her father and mother, Adam and Tracie Markoutsis; a brother, Alexander D. Markoutsis; maternal grandmother, Denise Zurawski of Necedah, Wis.; paternal grandparents, Paul and Deborah Pearson of Zion; and great-grandparents, Anthony and Theresa Stankiewicz of Florida, Nick and Joyce Markoutsis of Waukegan and Helen Zwicke of Zion. She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Albert Zurawski.

The funeral was held on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Congdon Funeral Home in Zion. Interment was private for the family. Visitation was on Feb. 19 from 5 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family are suggested. Arrangements were handled by the Congdon funeral Home and Company in Zion. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

STANLEY ASHTON THOMAS

Born: Feb. 27, 1959
Died: Feb. 13, 2007

Was a self-employed salesman

CHICAGO—Stanley Ashton Thomas, age 47 of Chicago, died as a result of an automobile accident on Feb. 13, 2007 in Chicago. He was born in Waukegan to Willie and Bette Thomas.

Stanley is survived by his wife, Maxine Thomas; his daughter, Nicole (Jeff) Douglas Ivy; one son, Stanley Thomas Jr.; six grandchildren; three brothers; one sister and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents; and paternal grandfather.

Homegoing service was held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 20 at the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago, with Rev. Eugene Roberson, pastor. Interment as at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park Cemetery in Zion. Visitation began at 10 a.m. at the church. Arrangements were handled by the Bradshaw & Range funeral Chapel in Waukegan. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

JAMES P. SWALLEY

Born: Feb. 21, 1943

Died: Feb. 17, 2007

Was an avid fisherman

BEACH PARK—James P. Swalley, age 63 of Beach Park, died on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. He has served as Community Service officer for the Zion Police Department, and also the Waukegan Police Department.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Shirley; children, Tami (George) Efsen of Winthrop Harbor, Jeff (Shelly) Swalley of Ardmore, Penn., Steve Swalley of Lake Villa, Stacy (Ken) Creamer of Zion and Shanna Christensen of Beach Park; three grandchildren; his father and mother, George and Stephanie Swalley of Sturgis, Mich.; and two sisters.

Visitation was held on Feb. 21 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Congdon Funeral Home in Zion. The funeral was held on Feb. 22 at 10 a.m., officiated by Dr. Michael Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church in Winthrop Harbor. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Multiple Myeloma Research Fund, or First Baptist Church Building Fund have been suggested. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

LILLIE BELLE WILLIAMS

Born: Aug. 22, 1920

Died: Feb. 15, 2007

Born in Hattiesburg, Miss.

WAUCONDA—Lillie Belle Williams, age 85 of Waukegan, died Feb. 15, 2007 at Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan. She was born Aug. 22, 1920 in Hattiesburg, Miss., and moved to Waukegan more than 55 years ago.

She is survived by Bertha Harbor and family; one daughter, Lillie Carolyn (Ray) Alford; three sons, Charles E. (Kerry) Williams, James E. (Regina) Williams, Marcus (Dorthia) Gregory; grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. Lillie was preceded in death by three sisters; four brothers; one son, Romie "Little Stan" Williams.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Feb. 20 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Waukegan, with Walstone Francis officiating. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park Cemetery in Zion. Visitation began at 10 a.m. at the church. Arrangements were handled by the Bradshaw & Range Funeral Chapel in Waukegan. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits



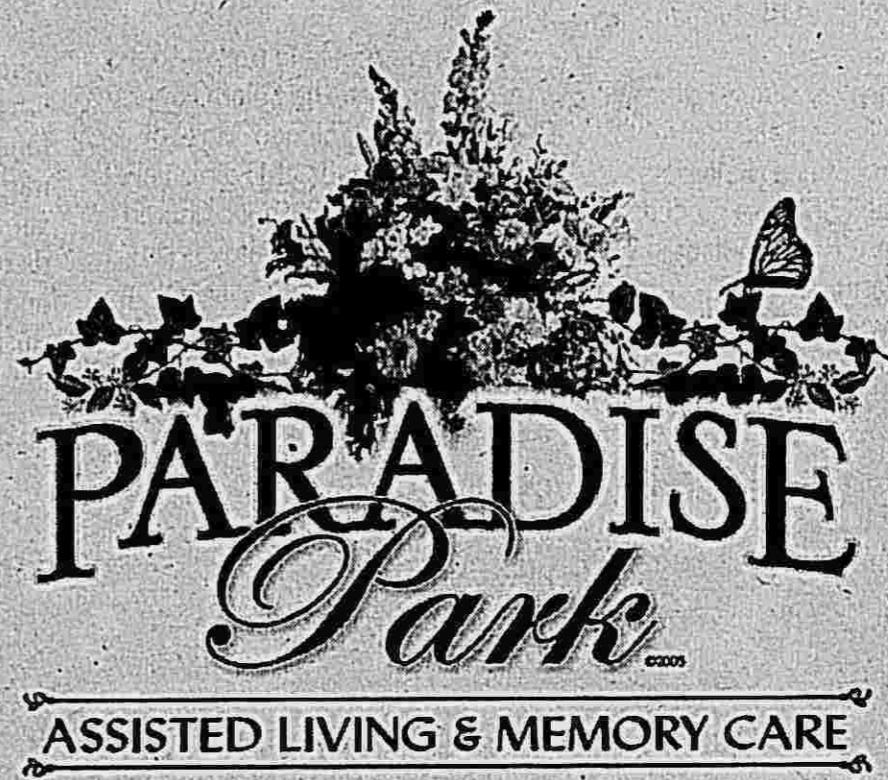
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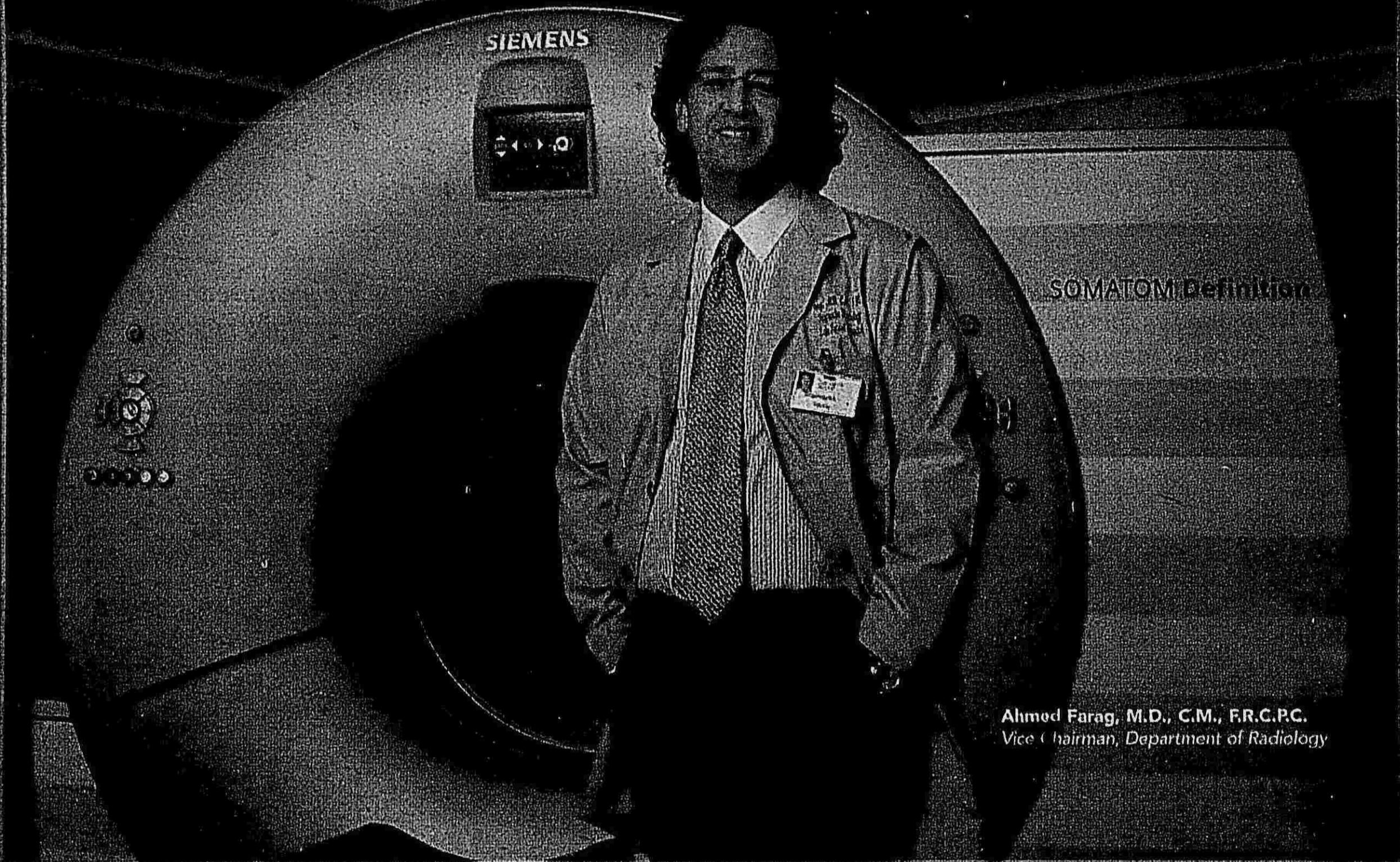
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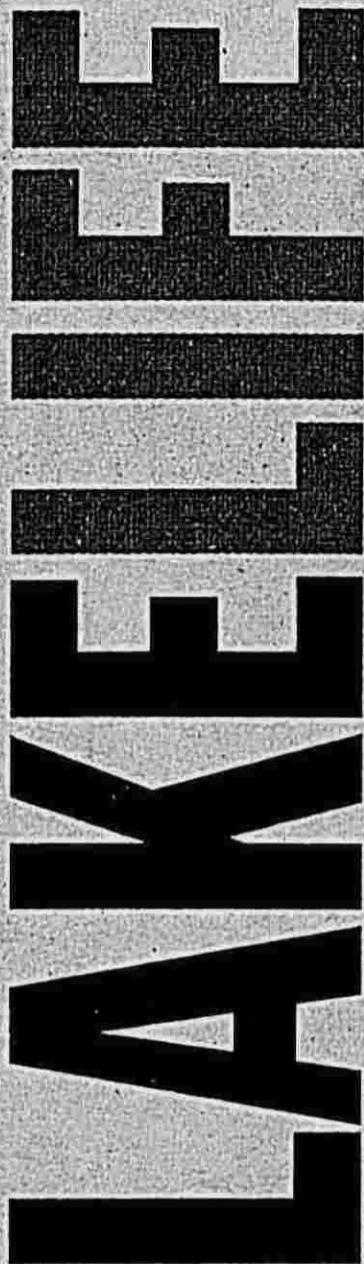
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● Check it out

Get ready to shed some pounds – on television. Auditions for a new weight-loss reality show will take place Feb. 24 in Chicago.

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Send friends an online message delivered on four paws. Doggie-Mail is a new service that provides an interactive way to send e-mails with bite.

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Looking to redecorate? Stop by the Home Show. The event will take place March 4 and 5 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake.

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Unlock the history of Mardi Gras with the Lake County Discovery Museum. The museum will host its Mardi Gras Masquerade Feb. 24.

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Mysterious number

Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff says confusing plot gaps and an unfit ending make "Number 23" an unsuccessful film.

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What to wear

Think buying clothes for the office is boring? Think again. Discover the secrets to finding successful, stylish work ware.

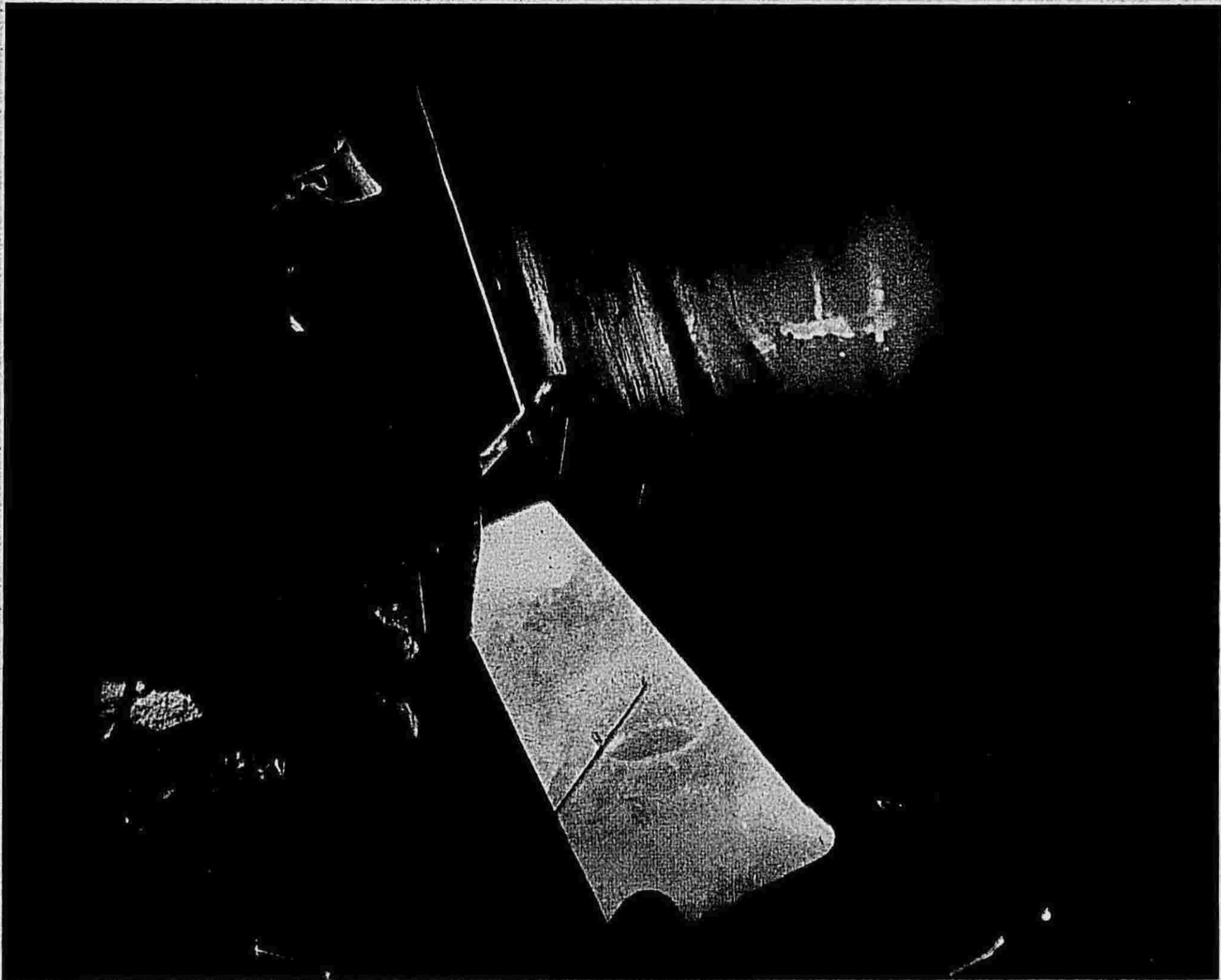
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Fishing frenzy



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Rick Beckmann, of Romeoville, waits for fish inside his tent on Channel Lake in Antioch. See the story on page A39.

● To Do

Flower show

The Chicago Botanic Garden's 2007 American Flower Show Series will debut on Saturday, March 3, with the Ikebana International Show.

Ikebana is a three-dimensional art style characterized by flower and plant material arranged in a container.

The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 3 and 4. It is free, however, parking

at the garden costs \$12.

For more information, call (847) 835-5440, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.

A note from Dr. Singer

Hi, readers. I am happy to announce that my column will return on the Lake County Journals Web site, www.LakeCountyJournals.com. Writing columns is something I love to do, and I look forward to hearing

from you again.

In fact, the Lake County Journals and I became neighbors recently.

We both moved into our wonderful new building in Grayslake right across the hall from each other. Somewhat of a family reunion!

You can find my columns online in the LakeLife section. I am eager to provide weekly parenting advice to area residents.

I appreciate your reading. – Dr. Sherri Singer, Psy.D.

Business basics

SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business is hosting a business workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, in Chicago. Attendees will learn the basics of going into business. The workshop costs \$50.

To register, call (312) 353-7724, or visit www.scorechicago.org.

Fighting food cravings

Reality TV show helps people tune into 'Thintuition'

By EMILY PREVITI
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It takes concentration and willpower to raise three kids, sustain a 42-year marriage and manage a career.

So, six weeks ago, Aviva Suppo decided to clear her head of concern for a basic necessity she has deemed unnecessarily consuming – food.

"I know what it feels like, not [being] obsessed with food," Suppo said. "I was never heavy growing up – not until after I was married."

Suppo, 60, of Highland Park, said she started dieting decades ago to lose weight she gained while pregnant. Temporarily, it would work. But she regained weight "and then some" after she ate normally again.

"I've tried everything," she

Have what it takes?

Who: People who are healthy, at least 60 pounds overweight, able to compete at medium-level fitness challenges and have not had weight-loss surgery.

What: Reality television show and weight-loss competition

Where: Lake Shore Athletic Club, 211 N. Stetson Ave., Chicago

When: Auditions will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 24. Taping and competition starts March 10 and ends Aug. 25. Tapings start at 11 a.m. every Saturday and will end no later than 7:30 p.m.

Why: Lose weight, let go of food obsessions and appear on television

For more information: Visit www.thintuition.com, where the show will air until it hits TV.

said. "When [you're] obsessed with keeping the diet, you never get rid of it because that's where your energy is going to."

But finally, Suppo feels freed. She has whittled inches from her size 16 frame without dieting. She credits the Thintuition program,

which Chicago resident Rob Stevens created after he lost 140 pounds eight years ago.

And now, people who want to get off the diet roller coaster and permanently shed pounds also can have a shot at small-screen fame. A reality television show will chronicle the experiences of about 70 people as they try to tune into their "Thintuition."

Auditions will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Lakeshore Athletic Club, 211 N. Stetson Ave., in Chicago.

The winners of the challenge will score dinners at Chicago restaurants.

The trick? Listen to your body.

Stevens's program attempts to retrain people to get in touch with hunger cues and distinguish satisfaction. He maintains that people have this ability at birth, but lose it when they "stop listening to their bodies."

Program participants strive to overcome such behavior through reading "The Overfed Head," using a hunger guide and keeping a journal. Stevens provides most of those resources at www.thintuition.com.



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For millions of women, work attire evokes images of stuffy, uncomfortable clothes and bland color schemes. But adding style to your work wardrobe can be quick and easy.

Edward Wilkerson, design director for Lafayette 148 New York, offers his knowledge and perspective of women's fashion.

Here are some simple tips from Wilkerson for enhancing your work wardrobe.

Keep it simple

Sometimes, less can be more. Instead of incorporating too many unique additions into your work attire, keep your outfit simple and choose one area or piece of clothing to accentuate. This

way, you maintain a look that is polished yet uniquely your own.

Know yourself

Determine what colors flatter your shape and skin tone. Once you have figured out which colors look best on you, it's easier to dress more creatively.

Stay true

If you know the kinds of clothes with which you're comfortable, don't throw them to the wind for the trend of the moment.

Prioritize

Be willing to spend more for classic, versatile wardrobe pieces that can be worn for years to come.

One quality article of clothing can go a long way for both your style and your pocketbook. To learn more about Wilkerson, visit www.lafayette148.com.

Chilly weather leads to warm smiles during 47th annual fishing derby

Northern Illinois Conservation Club hosts event at Chain O' Lakes

By STEVE PETERSON
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ANTIOCH — Twenty-degree temperatures, 12 inches of solid ice and a sun-swept sky meant one thing for hundreds of people who recently gathered on the Chain O' Lakes — good fishing.

Participants were thrilled with the weather conditions during the 47th annual Northern Illinois Conservation Club fishing derby, which took place on Feb. 10 and 11.

The two-day event had participants arriving by both vehicle and snowmobile, thanks to the recent freeze.

On Sunday, Marguerite O'Connell, a fishing derby committee member, was busy conducting a speed raffle for a fishing pole.

"It's awesome," O'Connell, an Antioch resident, said. "The ice is very safe, and we're having a lot of activity."

O'Connell added that the NICC has about 100 members, many of whom participated in the derby.

Fisherman Pete Poli started fishing with the club 22 years ago. The Antioch resident started by parking cars at one of the derby's satellite stations.

"The northern pike are nowhere near where they usually are," Poli said of this year's event.

"The largest so far has been a 19.8-inch large mouth bass and a 25-inch catfish."

Since 1960, the NICC Ice Fishing Derby and Winter Festival has been the club's main fundraiser. A portion of the event's proceeds go toward community college scholarships.

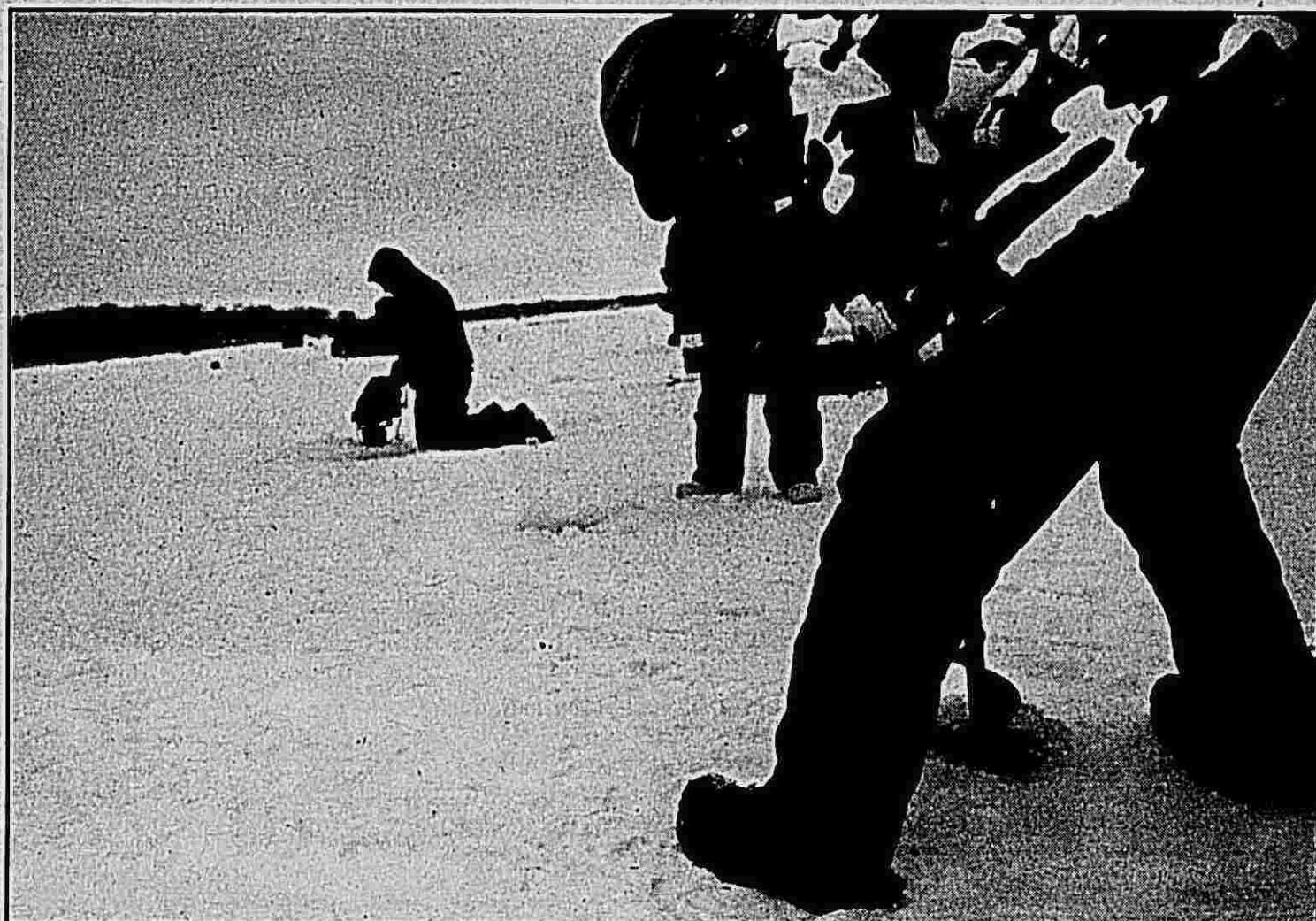
Antioch resident Tom Geisler said his father-in-law helped start the derby. Each year, Geisler works in an event tent, but he also is a fisherman.

"I like to make sure that the ice is safe and that there are tracks," he said. "I am not the first guy out there."

The NICC owns 62.5 acres of land, one-quarter mile east of Route 83 in unincorporated Antioch Township. Environmentally-minded, the club's goal is to protect, enhance and restore the wildlife habitat of its grounds. The membership has worked with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on projects such as stocking the Spring Grove Hatchery.

Even when the weather is chilly, many area residents still attend the annual fishing derby.

"I am so happy that there is ice this year," volunteer Marcia Irving said. "I love the crowd. It's cold, but people are having a good time."



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Ice fishermen drill holes into Channel Lake Feb. 10 at the 47th annual Chain O' Lakes Fishing Derby in Antioch.

And the winners are ...

The winners of the Northern Illinois Conservation Club's 47th annual fishing derby are Scott Zeien, of Wilmot, Wis. (31 5/8-inch large northern pike); Dustin Drury, of Antioch (26 3/4-inch small northern pike); Scott Zeien, of Wilmot, Wis. (17 1/2-inch large walleye); Nick Heelein, of Genoa City, Wis. (14 1/2-inch small walleye); Dave Hilgenberg, of Antioch (19 1/8-inch large mouth bass); Ken Schweien, of Romeoville (14-inch small mouth bass); Jeff Kendall, of Ingleside (36 3/8 large catfish); Darrell Baker, of Antioch (16 5/8-inch small catfish); Paul Siebert, of Waukegan (13 1/4-inch large crappie); Mike Brown (4 1/2-inch small crappie); Paul Minkalis, of Fox Lake (13 1/4 large striped bass); Mike McEvoy, of Westchester (5 1/8-inch striped bass); Kuk W. Oh, of Skokie (10 1/4 large perch); Michael Maze, of McHenry (3 7/8-inch small perch); James Stemp, of Chicago (10 7/8-inch large bullhead); Tom Kruger, of Fox Lake (8 5/8-inch large bluegill/sunfish/rock bass); and Mike Besa, of Roselle (3 1/2-inch small bluegill/sunfish/rock bass).

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Jim Carrey stars in "The Number 23," a film directed by Joel Schumacher.

Unlocking the secret of '23'

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF
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"The Number 23" attempts to straddle two bandwagons — "The Sixth Sense" and "The DaVinci Code" — and plummets into the gap between them.

Like "The Sixth Sense," and it is awfully late to copy that film, this thriller starring Jim Carrey tries to be a moody, spooky shocker that builds to a big twist.

From "The DaVinci Code" comes an elaborate, conspiracy-minded mythology based on the number 23. For instance, the Knights Templar (them again!) had 23 grand masters, and Julius Caesar was stabbed in the back 23 times. How does anyone know that? From watching "CSI: Rome"?

Those and other bizarre, 23-related facts are scrawled "Seven"-style during the titles, despite not having a single thing to do with the story. The story is about a dogcatcher, Walter Sparrow (Carrey), who begins to read a novel called "The Number 23" and becomes unnerved by similarities between the main character and himself.

Oddly, the actor who once played Edward Nigma (aka the Riddler) in another Joel

"The Number 23"

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Director: Joel Schumacher
Genre: Drama, mystery, thriller
More information: Rated R for violence, disturbing images, sexuality and language; running time is 95 minutes.

Schumacher movie doesn't notice anything strange about the author's name, Topsy Krett.

His wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen), who made the mistake of giving Walter the novel for his birthday present, worries about his growing obsession with the book. But their teenage son, Robin (Logan Lerman), thinks the whole thing is kind of cool.

As Walter reads the book, he imagines himself as its detective hero, Fingerling. In these fantasy sequences, Carrey looks like he is wearing a Colin Farrell Halloween costume. That's an inside joke. Schumacher and Carrey were supposed to collaborate on "Phone Booth," but when Carrey dropped out, Schumacher hired Farrell.

For a while, it seems "The Novel 23" will be like "The Ring" in that anyone who reads the novel goes nuts. That angle

might have worked. But as the plot proceeds, it becomes clear the novel can cast its spell on Walter alone. That means first-time screenwriter Fernley Phillips must come up with a humdinger of a conclusion that explains all the bizarre coincidences.

Maybe he did. I don't think the first ending Phillips wrote is the one on the screen. When the ending arrives, it is so convoluted and contrived that it takes 10 solid minutes of Carrey's narration to explain how it fits. "Maybe it's not the happiest of endings," he says, "but it's the right one."

I cannot recall another film assuring me it has the right ending. That leads me to believe it's the wrong ending.

I'm not sure the alternate ending I imagined as the credits rolled is the right one, but it is more logical, fulfills the story's forebodings of doom and fits the film noir genre. But that ending would have upset test audiences, as I assume Phillips' original ending did.

• Jeffrey Westhoff is a movie critic for the NorthWest News Group. He can be reached by e-mail at sidetracks@nwnewsgroup.com.

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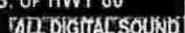
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Billy Bob Thornton stars as Charles Farmer in "The Astronaut Farmer," directed by Michael Polish.

'The Astronaut Farmer' shoots to reach the moon

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF
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"The Astronaut Farmer" is a special film, one that must be approached with delicacy to be fully enjoyed.

The fourth film from the brotherly team of Mark and Michael Polish (both write and Michael directs), "The Astronaut Farmer" combines qualities of a fable and a Horatio Alger story. It is the version of "Apollo 13" you might find in the Boy Scout manual.

Charles Farmer (Billy Bob Thornton) was once in NASA's astronaut training program, but had to drop out to look after his dying father. The night sky continues to call, so years later—with the support of his wife, Audie (Virginia Madsen), and children—Charles builds a rocket in the barn of his Texas farm.

The small town they live in regards Charles as the local, lovable eccentric, but when federal authorities learn he is serious about launching himself into orbit (which Charles signals by trying to buy 10,000 pounds of rocket fuel) they send in teams from the FBI and NASA.

Carefully, the Polish brothers approach "The Astronaut Farmer," because the story con-

"The Astronaut Farmer"

★★★

Director: Michael Polish

Genre: Drama

More information: Rated PG for thematic material, peril and language; running time is 104 minutes.

tains several clichéd elements—black suited government agents and the bank foreclosing on Farmer's property—that easily could prick the soap bubble that holds the film's spirit.

And the wistfulness that keeps "Astronaut Farmer" almost bursts several times. One hour and 44 minutes is an awful long time for a film to sustain a gentle spell, and the Polish brothers should have trimmed at least five minutes.

They easily could have cut an unwelcome intrusion of the banal—Jay Leno joking about Charles on the television. This is like finding an advertisement for McDonald's in the middle of a Walt Whitman poem.

Mostly, though, the film's sense of humor is wry and folksy. The town is so small that when Charles is ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation, the local judge sends him to the elementary school nurse.

And while the Polish brothers oversell the theme of following your dreams, they present the corollary lesson of personal liberty with more subtlety. "You better know what you want to do before someone else decides it for you," Charles says.

Thornton's performance, along with Madsen's, contains such integrity that we believe this contemporary fairy tale about a man with a rocket in his barn.

Tim Blake Nelson plays Charles' best friend and lawyer, and Bruce Dern is Charles' father in law. Bruce Willis, who receives no screen credit, gives a sharp performance as a former NASA colleague who at first appears to support Charles, but is part of the government's campaign to keep him grounded.

Charles' strong love for his wife and children is the glue that holds together not just his dream, but also the film. Without straining to preach the things studio executives mistake for values, "Astronaut Farmer" becomes the rare family film that should appeal to parents and children equally.

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Curse of the Oscar

The Academy Awards have the reputation as the champagne of award shows because an Oscar win simply matters more.

In terms of prestige, Oscars do matter more than Golden Globes or whatever the Screen Actors Guild calls its prize. But that doesn't mean the Academy Awards have always safeguarded excellent taste. This is, after all, the institution that named "The Towering Inferno" among the five best films of 1974.

Don't worry, "The Godfather, Part II," won that year.

But many Oscars have been awarded to undeserving films, actors, directors and technicians. The two most recent best picture winners, "Million Dollar Baby" and "Crash," were weak choices, although it is too early to say if they rank among the worst ever.

Here, in no particular order, is my list of the 10 worst Oscar wins:

"Shrek," best animated feature, 2001—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences inaugurated this category with a terrible choice.

Yes, "Shrek" was a hit, but the fact stands that its computer animation was lousy. The characters moved like shellac-coated marionettes. Pixar/Disney's glorious "Monsters Inc." should have won, although even the third nominee, "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," was better animated than "Shrek."

"Michael Douglas," best actor, "Wall Street," 1987—Perhaps Douglas deserved to win an Oscar for playing "Greed is good" guru Gordon

Gekko, but he won in the wrong category. Douglas was a supporting actor in the film. Charlie Sheen played the lead. Such shuffling of the acting categories to improve a performer's chance of winning is common and the most dishonorable practice allowed by the Academy Award rules. It happened again this year with Meryl Streep being nominated for best actress for her supporting role in "The Devil Wears Prada."

"The Greatest Show on Earth," best picture, 1952—The academy made several excellent, or at least nervy

choices, for best picture in the 1950s: "From Here to Eternity," "On The Waterfront," and "Marty." But

Oscar watchers best remember the 1950s as the decade that produced the two silliest best picture winners, this one and "Around the World in 80 Days." I picked "Greatest Show" as the worse of the two because it defeated two of history's most beloved films, "High Noon" and "The Quiet Man." (The year's best film, "Singin' in the Rain," wasn't nominated.)

"Around the World in 80 Days," best adapted screenplay, 1954—Can't let "80 Days" entirely off the hook, though. Its lighter-than-air script took the Oscar away from the brilliantly written "Giant."

"Roberto Benigni," best actor, 1998—It was bad enough this hyper nitwit won best foreign language film for "Life Is Beautiful," which treated the Holocaust as a saccharine bedtime story, but the academy actually named him best actor for flapping his arms and stopping just short of crowing, "Look at me! I'm the new Chaplin!"

A friend who lived in Los Angeles at the time told me he knew Benigni would win because people in Hollywood wanted to see him do something crazy. He did. He walked on the backs of the chairs. Was that antic worth putting such an embarrassing win in the Oscar record book?

"The Sting," best picture, 1973—The 1970s was the decade that the Oscars got it right—except this year. Maybe academy voters were tired of such moody best picture winners as "Midnight Cowboy," "The French Connection" and "The Godfather," because in 1973, they went for the breezy movie audiences liked best ("The Sting" was the year's highest grossing film).

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Jeffrey Westhoff

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Dog-lovers can now send e-mail in the voice of man's best friend. The service can be found at www.Petcentric.com.

A new kind of greeting

Doggie-Mail provides interactive way to send messages using four-pawed delivery

If you're hearing dogs talk to you, don't panic. It might only be your e-mail.

The Web site www.Petcentric.com, which is devoted to information and stories about pets, recently introduced a feature called Doggie-Mail, an interactive service that allows dog lovers to send free e-mail messages in the voice of their very own customized canine.

When visitors log on to the site, they can choose one of three animated dogs to convey their message and then cus-

tomize the character's wardrobe, props and scene. They can choose to deck out their dog in a cowboy hat and dress shirt, or jazz up the pooch's panache with a feather boa and sunglasses.

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toll-free number where users can record a message in their own voice.

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A natural way to make headaches go away

Ice packs are one way to alleviate pain

Many people suffer from tension headaches. But what can be done to relieve such headaches naturally?

According to the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, tension headaches - characterized by pain or discomfort in the head, scalp, or neck - are one of

Academy Award flops

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The Oscar should have gone to George Lucas' masterpiece, "American Graffiti."

Sam Mendes, best director, 1999 - Many critics have come to realize that Mendes' "American Beauty" was a smug smoke screen mistaken for a deep, meaningful film. If it didn't deserve its best picture Oscar (it didn't), then Mendes certainly didn't deserve an Oscar for directing it. Mendes slickly mimicked other directors, particularly Mike Nichols, and the academy bought it.

"**You Light Up My Life**," best original song, 1977 - Even though everyone in the free world professed hating Debby Boone's song since the day it was recorded, it was a monster hit that won a couple of Grammys, as well as the Oscar. Meanwhile, no James Bond theme song has ever won an Oscar; and in 1977, the series should have won for Carly Simon's "Nobody Does It Better" from "The Spy Who Loved Me."

"**You Can't Take it With You**," best picture, 1938 - I love Frank Capra films, but this one wasn't best-picture caliber. It defeated not only one of the studio system's greatest achievements, "The Adventures of Robin Hood" starring Errol Flynn, but also Jean Renoir's "Grand Illusion," a staple among classic foreign films.

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Cascading careers

An Oscar does not promise the winner will continue to have an award-worthy career. Here are three directors and actors who squandered their Oscar wins.

Michael Cimino

This is the gimme. After Cimino won best director and his "The Deer Hunter" won best picture in 1979, he was treated with a reverence that escaped Francis Ford Coppola and Martin Scorsese.

Cimino's second film, "Heaven's Gate," is the legendary bomb that bankrupted United Artists in 1981. Cimino never recovered.

Cuba Gooding Jr.

After winning best supporting actor for "Jerry Maguire" in 1996, Gooding starred in such duds as "Snow Dogs," "Chill Factor" and "Boat Trip." He gave a strong performance in "Men of Honor," and an underrated comic performance in "The Fighting Temptations."

Gooding's post-Oscar misfortunes reflect his own poor choices, but also the sad truth that even today, few decent roles exist for African-American actors.

Update - Gooding most recently appeared in "Norbit," the travesty that might cost Eddie Murphy a best supporting actor Oscar this year.

Robert De Niro

"Squandered" is not the right word for what De Niro (best supporting actor in 1974 for "The Godfather, Part II" and best actor in 1980 for "Raging Bull") has done with his career lately. His standards have vanished.

the most common forms of headache.

Symptoms include dull pressure in the head, temples or back of the neck. And the pressure usually is not one-sided.

Tension headaches often feel like a tight band or vise on the head and are often triggered by stress, fatigue, noise or glare.

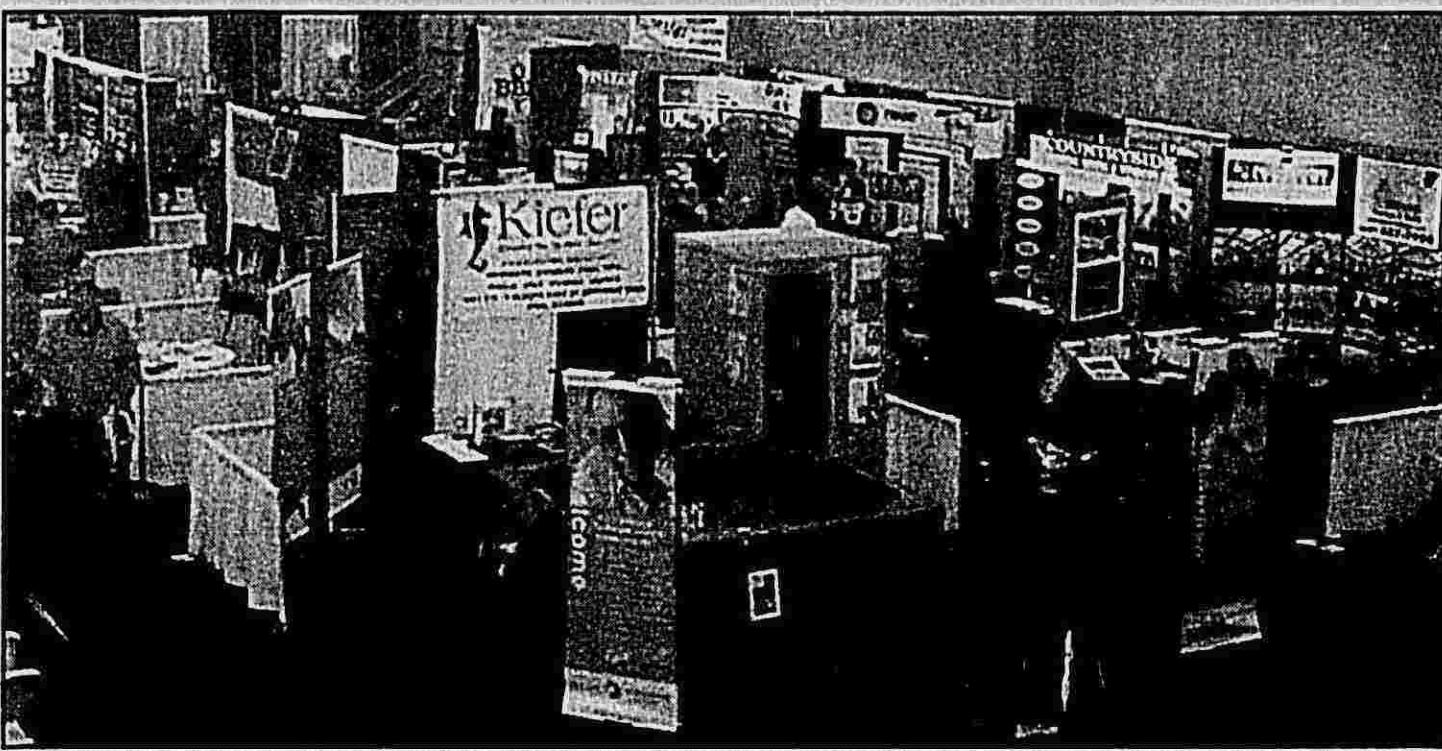
To naturally ease tension headache pain, try some of the tips below.

• Use self-massage to ease

muscle tension. Using your fingertips, gently massage the area around your temples, forehead and ears. Press your thumbs lightly into the area at the base of your skull.

• Apply an ice pack to the back of your skull and a hot pad to your shoulders.

Information courtesy of the Natural News Services, a public information program provided by Northwestern Health Sciences University in Minnesota.



The Home Show will take place at the Lake County Fairgrounds on March 4 and 5. The free event will feature home decorating and construction ideas, such as the ones above.

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Get fresh ideas for the house

Home Show offers decor information

Spring is almost here. And that means many area residents will start working on their homes.

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The Home Show trade show, which will take place March 3 and 4 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake.

Attendees can talk to experts about an array of merchandise, including spas, pools, decorative paving, flooring, custom decks, fencing, furniture, sound systems, cookware, energy-efficient windows and

doors, and designer kitchens and baths.

The Home Show's hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The show will take place in the Commercial Building #1 Expo Center, located at the corner of Routes 45 and 120.

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The blanky blues

Question: I understand why kids have "lovelies," and my (2-year-old) son has one too, but how come he needs it when I am there? I sometimes feel not as important as the "lovable."

— Sue, Wonder Lake

Answer: I'm not sure exactly when the blue-fringed blanket stitched together by my daughter's great-grandmother went from being one of many blankets to "the blanky."

But ever since, it and my daughter have become inseparable.

As I've written in my blog, I've had to sneak it to the washer. If caught, my daughter would keep an emotional vigil while her most valued possession took a bath.

The blanky has been through illnesses, potty training accidents and driveway puddles. Its absence on car rides has resulted in tears and turnarounds.

Yes, the blanky has endured enough smells and spills to turn it into a science experiment.

Still, I kind of hope my daughter hangs onto it as long as possible. I'm not sure I'm ready to let go of the blanky years.

Parents should be proud of their children's attachment to lovelies, said Alice Sterling Honig, a professor of child development at Syracuse University. It is something they emotionally and intellectually have created for themselves, she said.

Children typically latch onto

blankies because they conjure the smells, softness and comfort of Mom, she said. And they will want them even when mom is present, she said.

"After all, she [might] go answer the phone, go to the bathroom, be busy with cooking. ... But, hooray, blanky is a steady beam of comfort and always present as baby drags it around or rubs it on his cheek sooth-

ingly to remind him of the most loving, warm softness of Mama," she said.

Children especially latch onto objects like this at age 2, when they might become slightly more clingy, said Dr. John Beckerman, a community pediatrician and chair of the Pediatrics Department at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

Taking away an object like a blanky altogether, or losing it, can be traumatic for a child, psychologists say.

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A look behind the mask

Discovery museum celebrates Mardi Gras with a masquerade

Time for carnival!

The Lake County Discovery Museum will host its Mardi Gras Masquerade from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 24.

During the event, children age 5 through 12 can make Mardi Gras masks, learn the history of Fat Tuesday, play games, listen to music and eat

food. Wearing costumes is encouraged.

Cost is \$5 for Lake County residents and \$7 for nonresidents.

Admission includes access to the museum's exhibits. Registration and prepayment are required.

The Lake County Discovery Museum is located on Route 176, west of Fairfield Road, near Wauconda.

To register for Mardi Gras Masquerade, visit www.LCFPD.org, or call (847) 968-3321.



Jami Kunzer

● Relish the American Table

Classic New Orleans sandwich comes home

By BROOKS HAMAKER
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New Orleans, over the course of its history, has seen waves of immigration from around the world. Spanish, French, American (that's right, at one time Americans coming to New Orleans were immigrants), Canary Island, Italian and Sicilian citizens all found their way to the Crescent City, and each group contributed to the city's food culture.

While most people are familiar with the po-boy sandwich, so named because it was invented to feed cash-poor streetcar workers when they were on strike, not everyone is as familiar with another of the city's iconic sandwiches – the muffaletta.

The muffaletta was developed, as the story goes, by a Sicilian grocery store owner in New Orleans' French Quarter.

For my money, you can't do much better than the place where it was invented – Central Grocery on Decatur Street.



For the less adventurous, Progress Grocery in New Orleans ships both whole muffalettes, or just the olive mix,

via their Web site, www.gourmetfoodmall.com.

New Orleans Style Olive Mix
(Yield: About 8 cups)

Ingredients:

4 cups chopped pitted green olives with pimientos (20-ounce jar)
1 1/2 cups chopped black olives (can substitute kalamata if preferred)
1/4 cup chopped celery
1 1/2 cups chopped carrots
1 cup chopped raw cauliflower
1/2 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
1 cup chopped red pepper
1/2 cup capers
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried rosemary
1 1/2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper
3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 1/2 cups olive oil

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Stir well. Spoon into two, 1-quart jars with lids. Refrigerate about one week before serving. It will keep almost indefinitely in the refrigerator.

New Orleans Style Muffaletta Sandwich
(Serves 6)

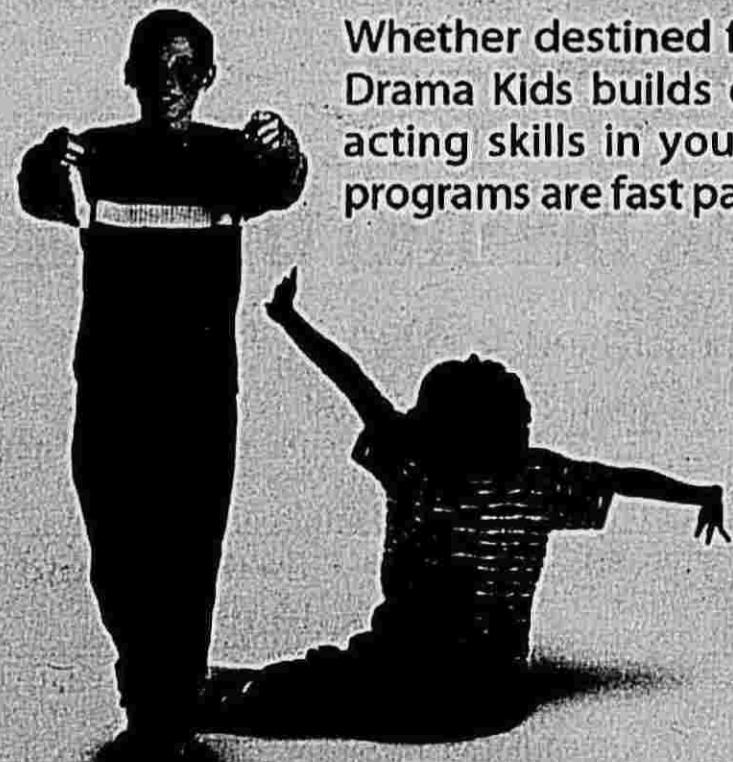
Ingredients:
1 loaf round Italian bread
1 cups olive mix
1/4 pound sliced mozzarella cheese
1/4 pound sliced provolone cheese
1/4 pound lean ham, thinly sliced
1/4 pound hard salami, thinly sliced
1/4 pound mortadella, thinly sliced (can substitute good quality bologna)

Directions:

Slice Italian bread evenly. Spread olive mix evenly on both halves of bread. Layer cheeses and meats evenly on bread. Slice into wedges.

• Brooks Hamaker is a contributor with Relish Magazine. Look for Relish magazine each month in the Lake County Journals. For more Relish recipes, to sign up for a biweekly newsletter, or to leave a note on a Relish message board, log on to www.relishmag.com.

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● Elements of the Ridiculous

An a-salt-ing matter

The Cheetos are whispering again.

Hmmmm ... is that the right way to spell Cheeto? Maybe I'd better go to the vending machine to check.

After spending January carefully planning small, frequent meals packed with lean protein and fiber – low in carbs and sodium – I quickly descended into madness after the Bears won the NFC championship.

The end result was chowing on pizza Sunday to keep warm and quell my depression as the big game went downhill.

The fat and sugar has been bad, but this is Sodium City, sweetheart.

Yes, I'm very disturbed, but that's the hunger, and the salt withdrawal, talking.

I had even lost about six pounds since the new year began.

But do you hear that rumble in the distance? It's six pounds of fat thundering back toward

my rear end.

However, I've jumped back on the bandwagon and steered the horses away from the cliff – I hope.



Jana Thompson

I don't know what turned me into a salt-crazed lunatic.

While writing this, I gave in to a bag of cheese crackers left-

over from this weekend's festivities.

Ooooooo ... munch ... smack ... slurp.

But I swear, it ends now. I have a big bowl of salad for lunch.

Hope springs eternal.

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'Bach at Leipzig' is music to the ears

By TOM WITOM
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Blessed with a remarkable comic sense and flair with words, California-born Itamar Moses deserves all the attention he's getting as an up-and-coming playwright. Moses is only 30 years old, but already he has a handful of full-length plays under his belt, including the farcical "Bach at Leipzig," making its Chicago-area premiere at Writers' Theatre.

A cunning, inventive work that mixes fact and fiction, "Bach at Leipzig" is set in 1772 Germany. The death of Johann Kuhnau, the lead organist at the Thomaskirche, sets off an explosive competition among seven musicians invited to apply for the coveted – and well paying – post.

In their quest for glory, some of the candidates are endowed with big egos, but small talent. But that doesn't stop them from forging loose alliances to reduce the competition. They also scheme ways to bribe the city council judges and even drug one of the contestants' drinks to narrow the field.

Moses adds to the folly by injecting references to religious polarity: Lutherans and Calvinists, Catholics and Protestants, predestination and free will are all part of the mix.

Director Nick Bowling has fun with



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"Bach at Leipzig" is being performed at Writers' Theatre through April 1. (Pictured from left) Tim Rock, Rob Lindley, Jonathan Weir, Ross Lehman and Larry Yando star in the play.

the play, which is interspersed with snatches of music and serves as a spoken metaphor for a fugue – a musical composition that incorporates counterpoint. It starts with a theme, but soon, other voices enter one by one, each contributing its own statement of the theme.

Those voices come from Bowling's highly talented cast that's no stranger to comedy and includes Larry Yando as the calculating Georg Balthasar Schott, an organist stuck (with good reason) in a position at a lesser establishment in Leipzig. And Ross Lehman is Johann Fredrich

Tickets, please

What: "Bach at Leipzig"

Where: Writers' Theatre, 323 Tudor Court, Glencoe

When: Through April 1

Tickets: \$40 to \$58

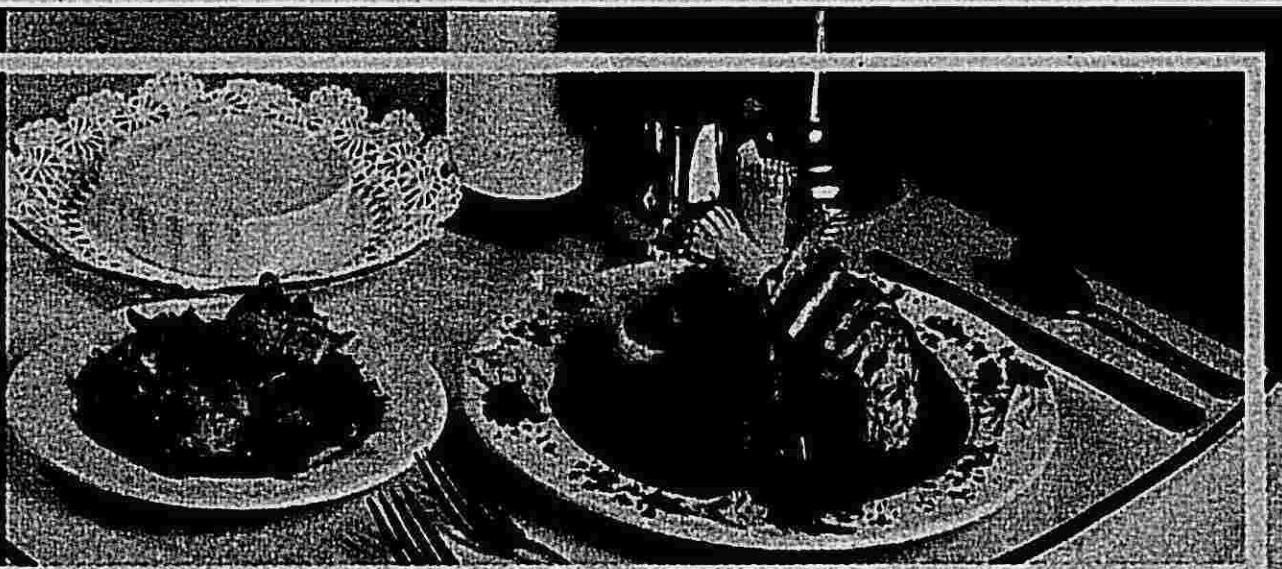
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Fasch, one of Kuhnau's early promising students who left because of philosophical differences.

Joining them are Rob Lindley as the devious Lenck, whose forged documents eventually catch up with him; Tim Rock, the put-upon Steindorff; Jonathan Weir as the pompous Graupner; and John Reeger as the gullible Kaufmann taken in by a play-within-a-play. In a non-speaking role, Michael Aaron Lindner plays someone identified in the program as the Greatest Organist in Germany (who might be composer George Philipp Telemann, or even Bach himself).

While Moses's farce includes such elements as a misdirected letter, deft wordplay, a character in drag and a free-for-all sword fight, it goes far beyond easy laughs. Quite an accomplishment for such a young playwright. On the down side, clocked at two and one-half hours, "Bach at Leipzig" seems at least one scene too long.

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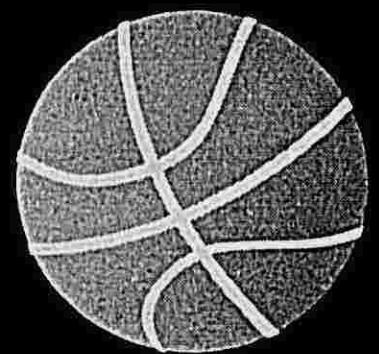
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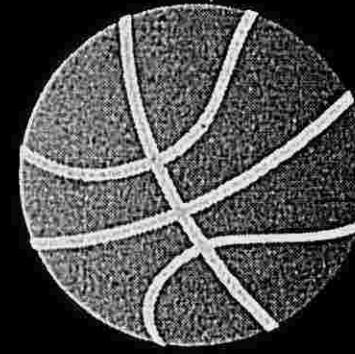
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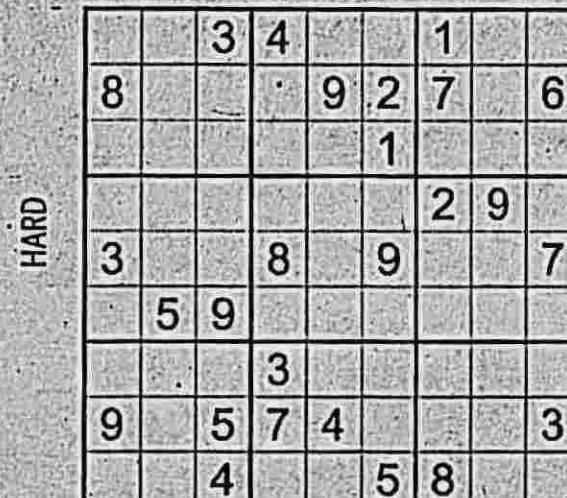
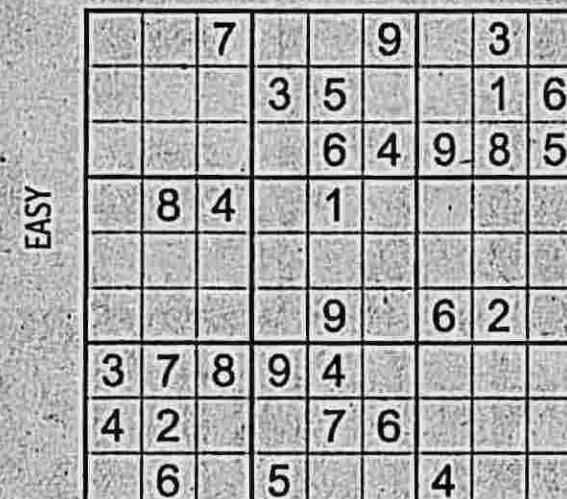
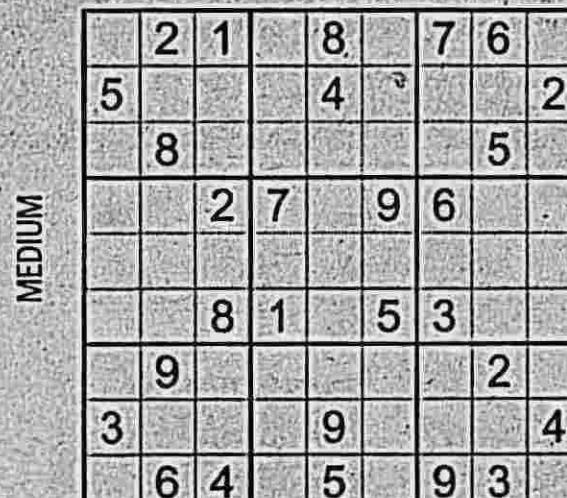
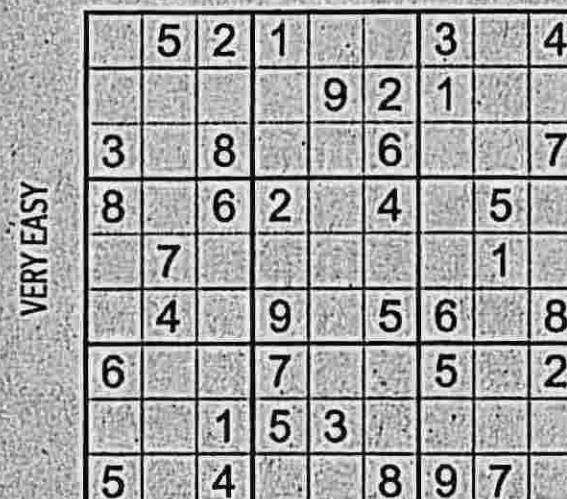
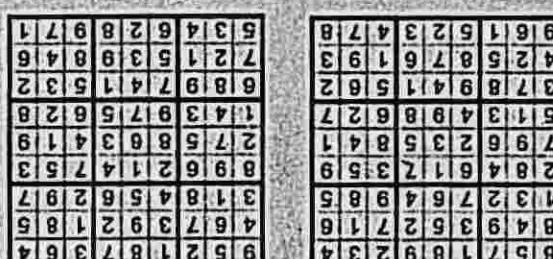
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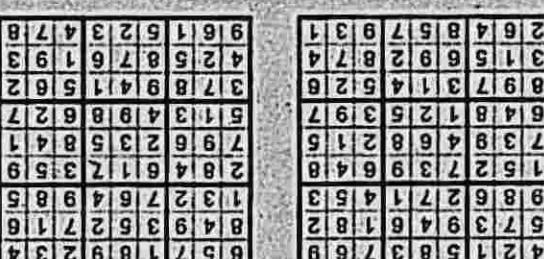


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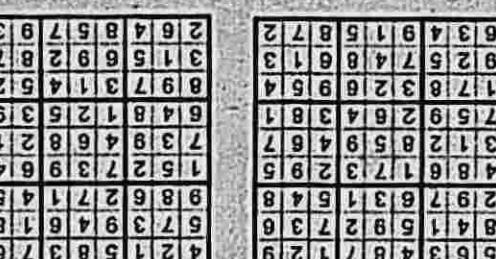
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- State flower of Indiana (pl.)
- Initials of MI 3 star
- Precedes CAM
- you!
- Body art (sl.)
- Disdained writers
- Japanese insults
- Body of water
- Shopping binge
- Psychiatric hospital
- Alabama
- Trauma center (abbr.)
- liff: court officer
- Beatles, The _____ Four
- 12th Greek letter
- 2nd longest running Broadway musical
- Corpuscle (abbr.)
- Leave (abbr.)
- Take a seat
- Conway, AR school (abbr.)
- National airline of Pakistan
- Billiard stick
- Confederate General Robert
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Anno Domini (abbr.)
- Volkswagen coupe convertible
- Gentlemen

47. Touchdown

- In the style or manner of
- Rate of speed
- Not DC

51. Kenzaburo _____

1994 Nobel _____

Literature

52. Soft cotton pile

fabric

54. Urges and helps

on

57. Woman (French)

59. Solemnly affirms

60. Peer Gynt author

61. Kitchen plumbing

fixture

63. Energy unit

64. Young women's

association

65. Parent of NBC

66. Leather made

from beef skin

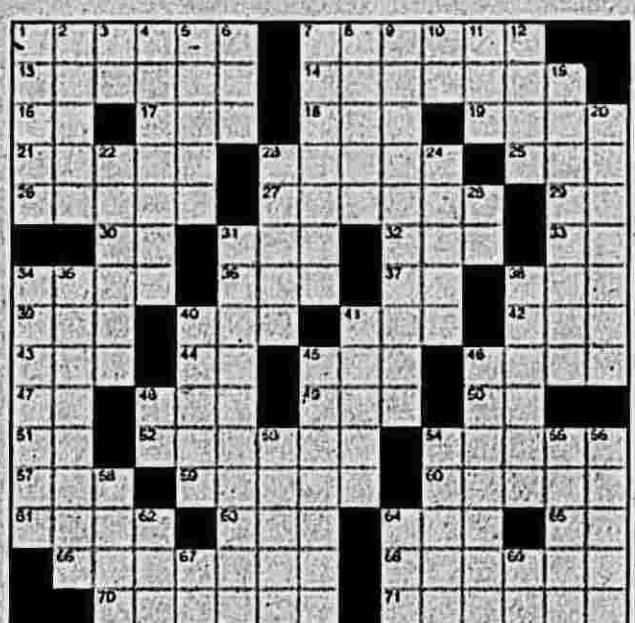
68. False

70. Right and Blue

71. Listen again

DOWN

- Plaster backings
- Remove lid
- Painter of light initials
- They break into computers
- Rub off
- Radioactivity unit
- Inability to use language
- Smelly
- Highest hand
- Article
- wit: doofus
- Afternoon repasts
- More humid
- Greetings
- A resident of



Crete

23. Senegalese singer

Maal

24. Debonair

28. Megabyte

31. Wedding headgear

34. Money collected under a tariff

35. Relating to liberal studies

38. Portions of bread

40. Chafflike

bracts of grass

41. Principle sect

of Christians in

Egypt

45. Comes out of

46. Day of rest

and worship

48. Early multimedia

53. Green (Span.)

54. No. French

river

55. SW ankle-high moccasins

56. Evil smile

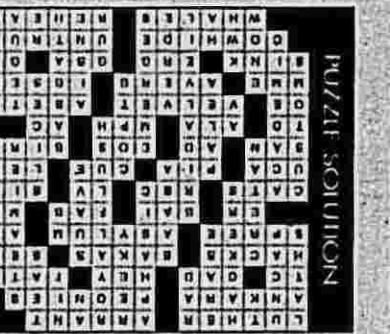
58. MI Senator D. Stab

62. Electrical power unit

64. gle: sound a brook makes

67. Expresses surprise

69. Prefix for again



surround yourself with large groups of upbeat people.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

People feel compelled to take care of you, Capricorn, but this time, you're turning the tables.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Expect a financial windfall to arrive at your doorstep just when you need it most, Aquarius.

Horoscope

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Finding balance between what you can afford to buy and those special things you want comes quite easily this week.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You will find, Aries, that someone you thought to be very self-centered will make you a generous offer this week.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

If someone pressures you for an answer

this week, don't feel compelled to give information quickly. You need to slowly sort out all sides of the story first.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

You need answers, but don't really know where to get them, Gemini. The best way to become informed is to wait for those answers to fall into your lap.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

A current relationship is entering a rough

patch, Cancer. You'd better take a hard look at the situation and take steps to fix what is wrong before the problem escalates.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

A valuable piece of information is about to come your way, Leo.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Someone in your life is making every attempt at a big splash for attention, Virgo.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

This week is a good time to appreciate the beauty all around you, Libra. Take a walk and examine the winter landscape.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You'd rather be the puppet master, but the stars say you'll have more effect if you are actually in front of the curtain.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Your spirit is lagging, Sagittarius. Better

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"The Vagina Monologues" will be presented by the College of Lake County Theatre Department and the CLC Women's Center Feb. 23 through 25 and March 1 through 3.

Lindsay Porter, of Chicago, guest directs the production. The

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After each performance, the Women's Center will accept donations for LaCASA, YWCA Lake County, A Safe Place and Lake County Haven – four Lake County nonprofit organizations that offer help and support to abused women. Based on interviews with more than 200 women,

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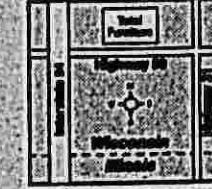
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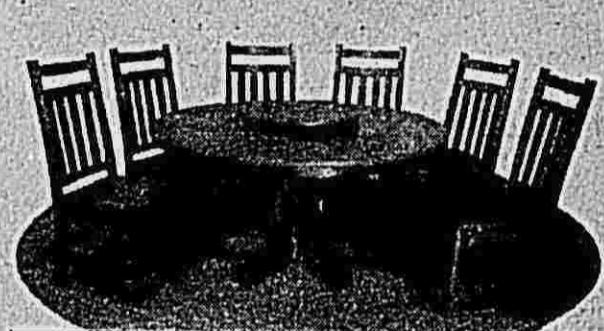


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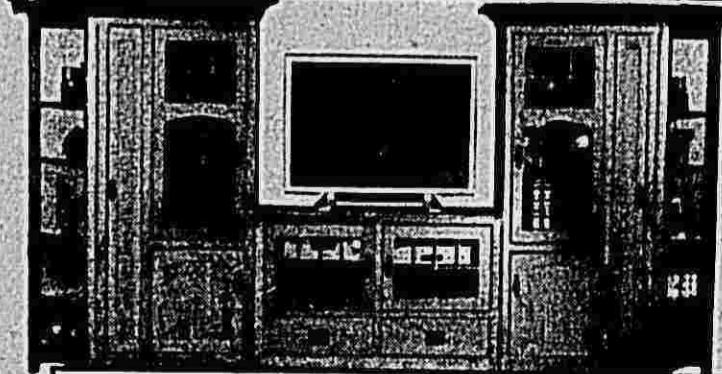
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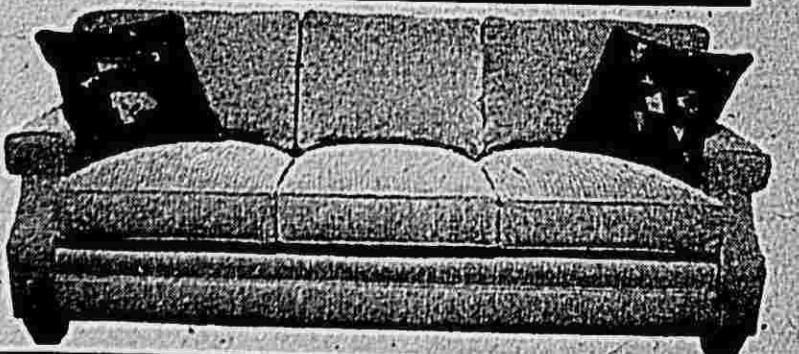
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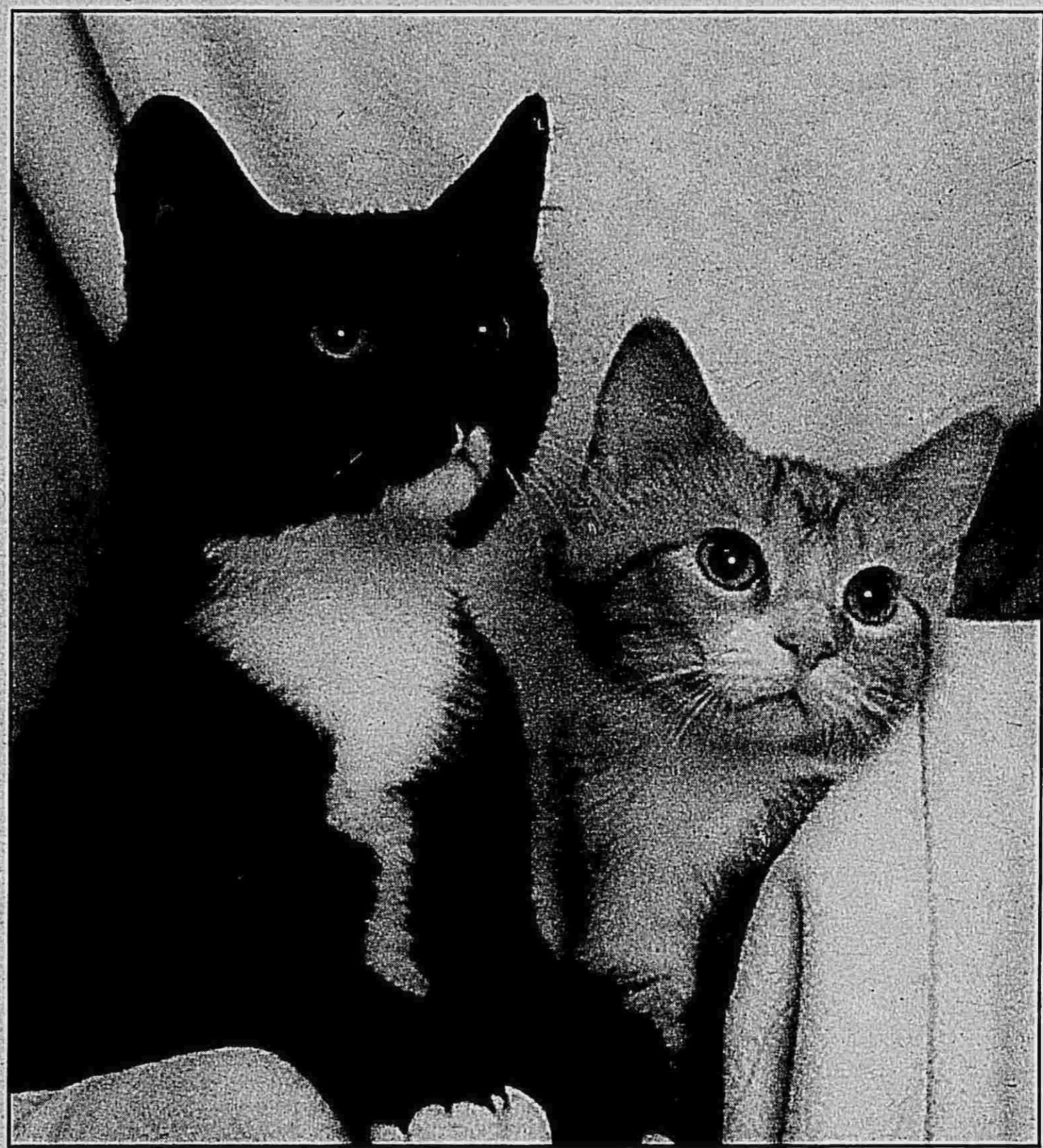


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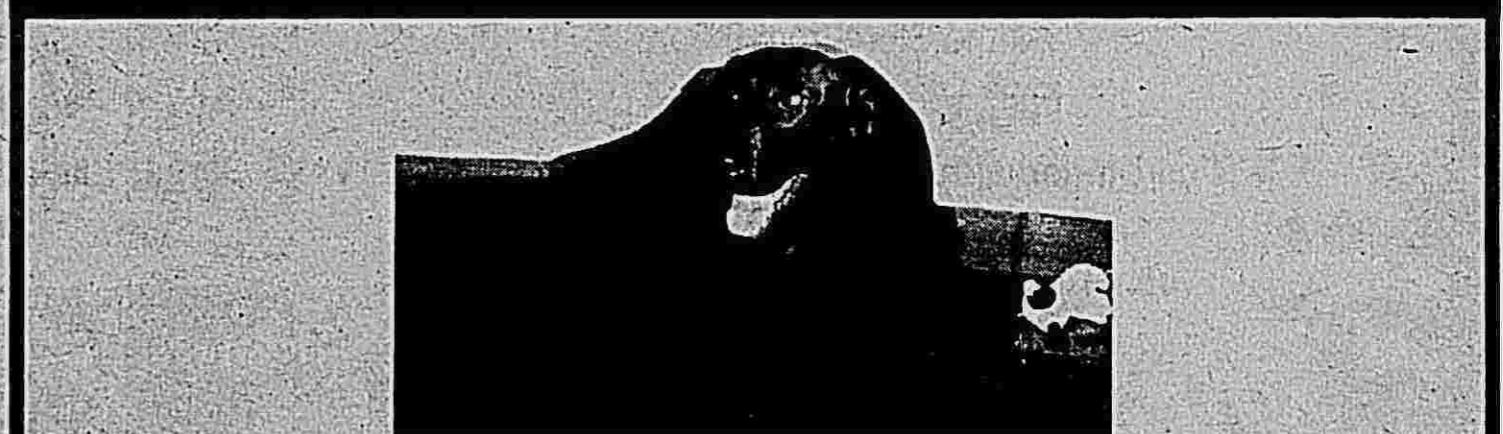
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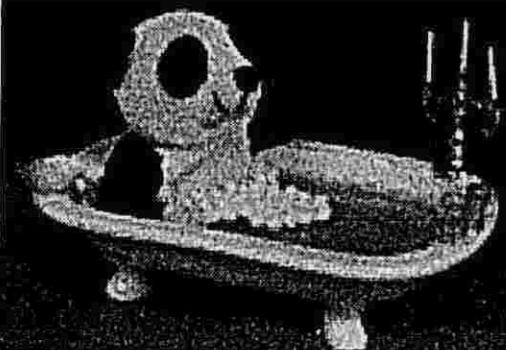
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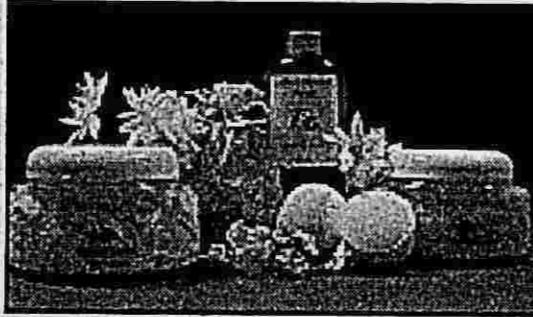


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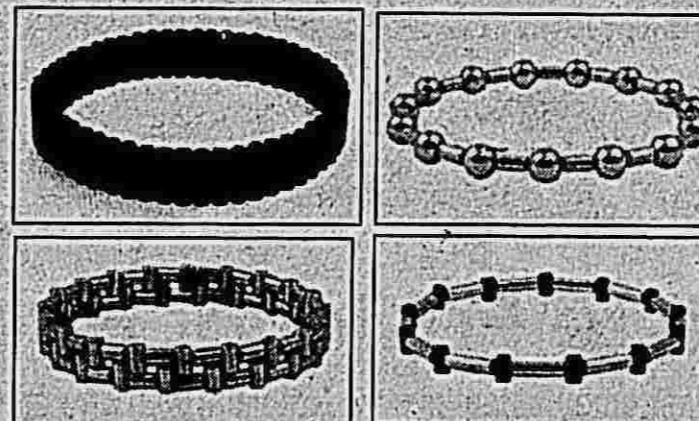
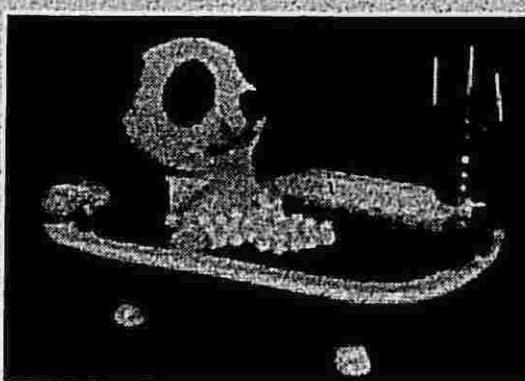
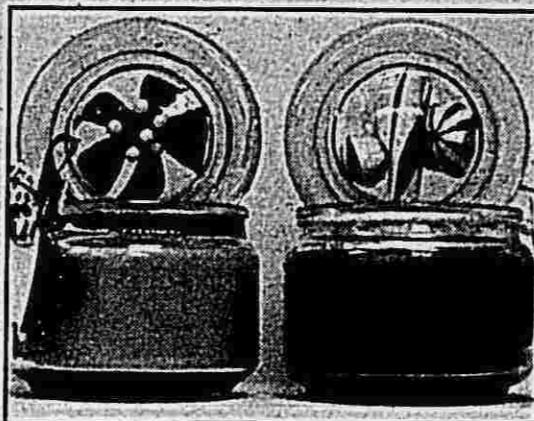
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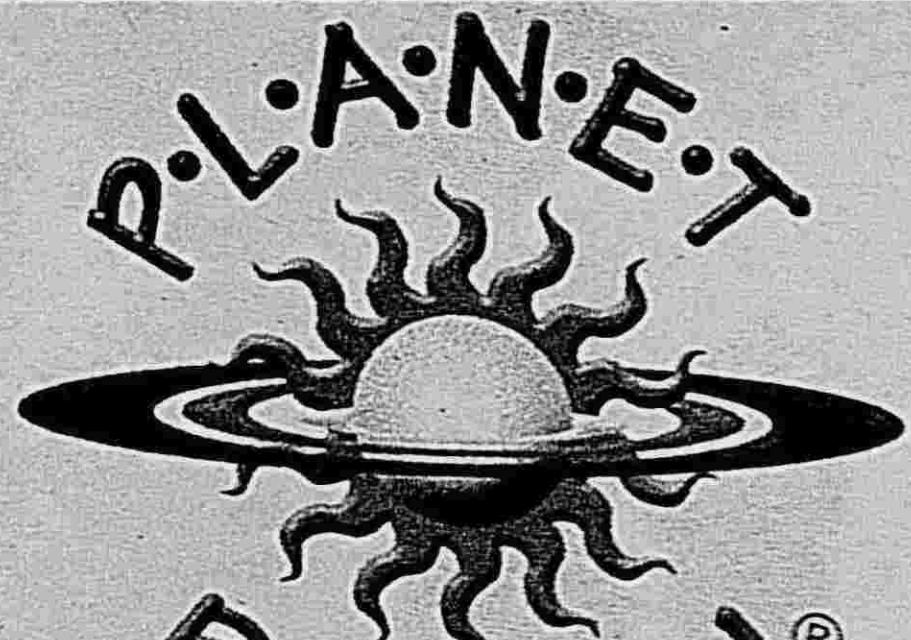
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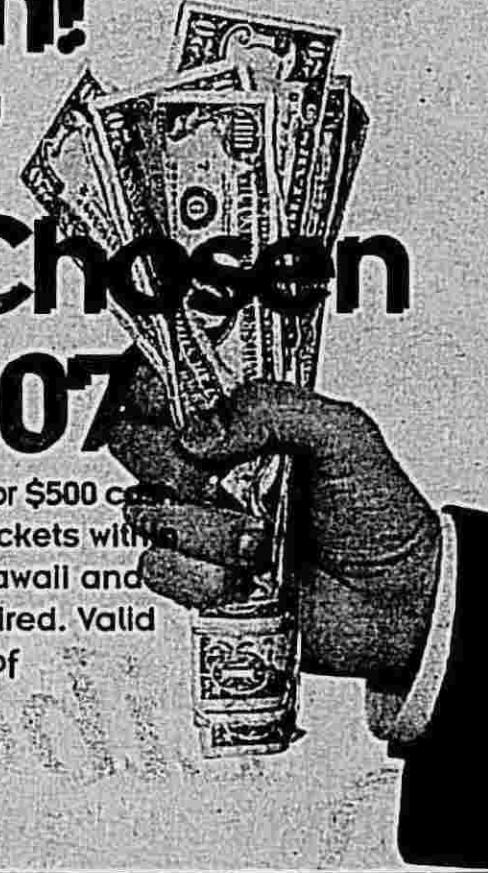


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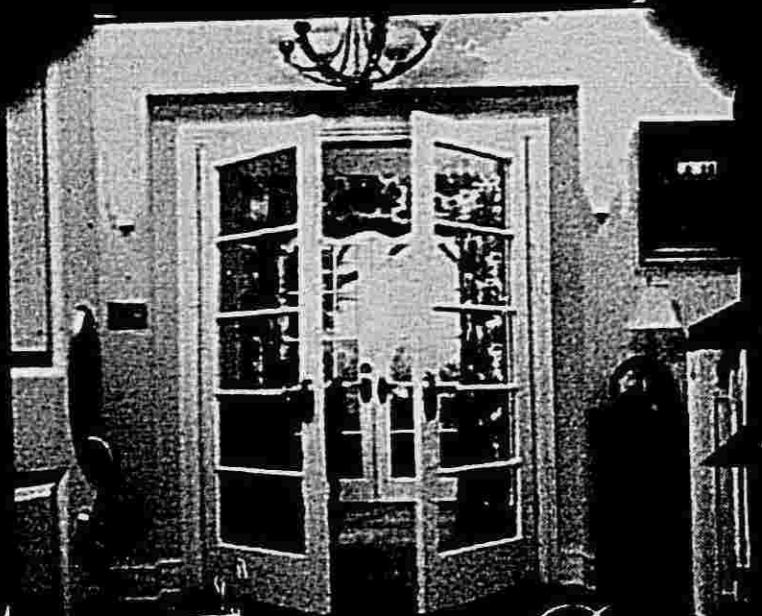
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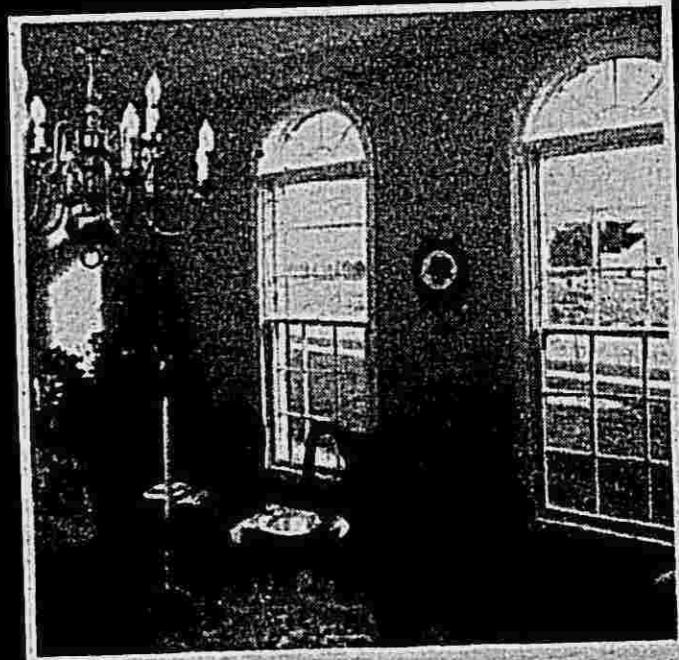


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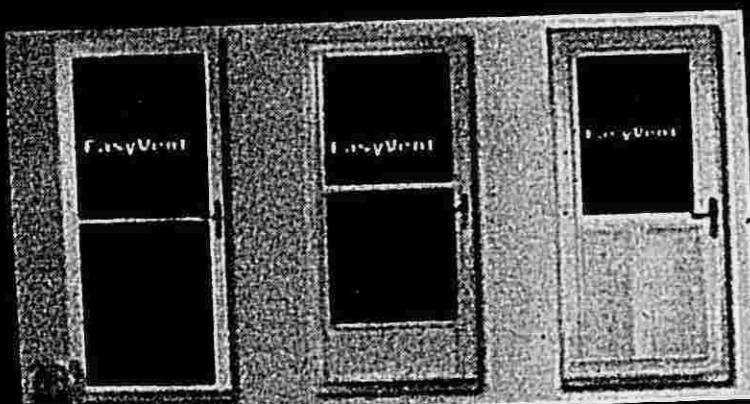
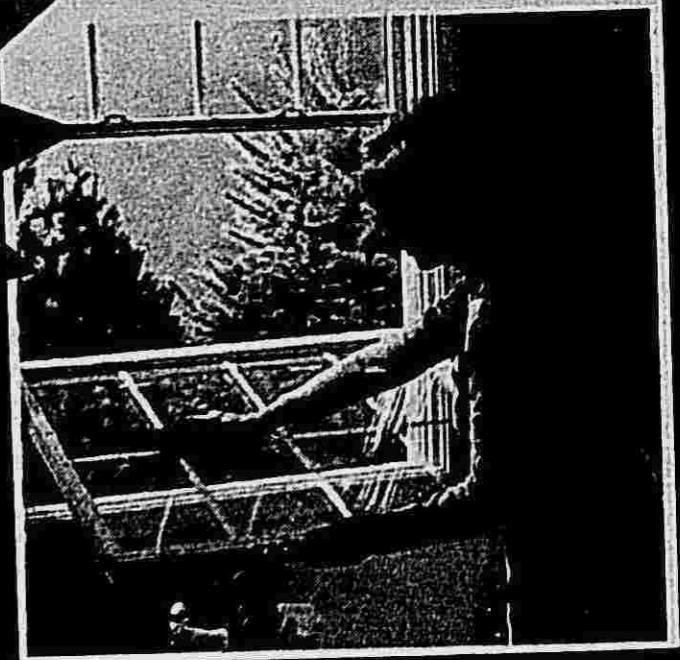
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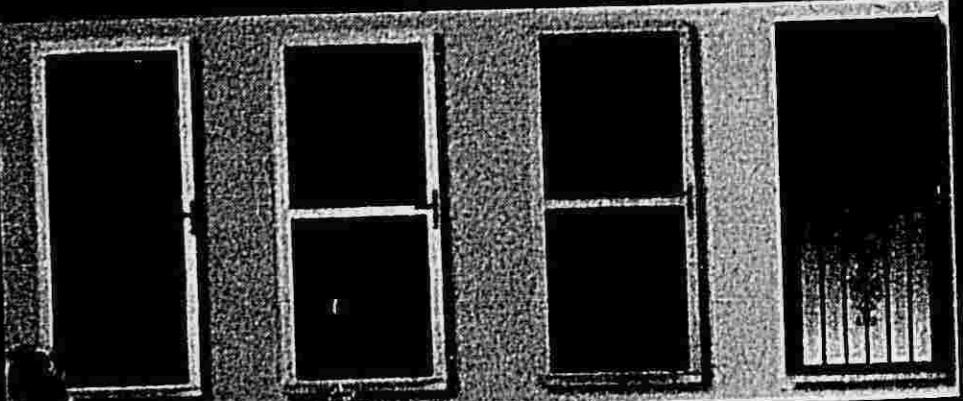


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GIRLS BASKETBALL MUNDELEIN SECTIONAL SEMIFINAL: WARREN 38, GRANT 32

NSC championship rematch not so sweet

Zone defenses limit scoring opportunities

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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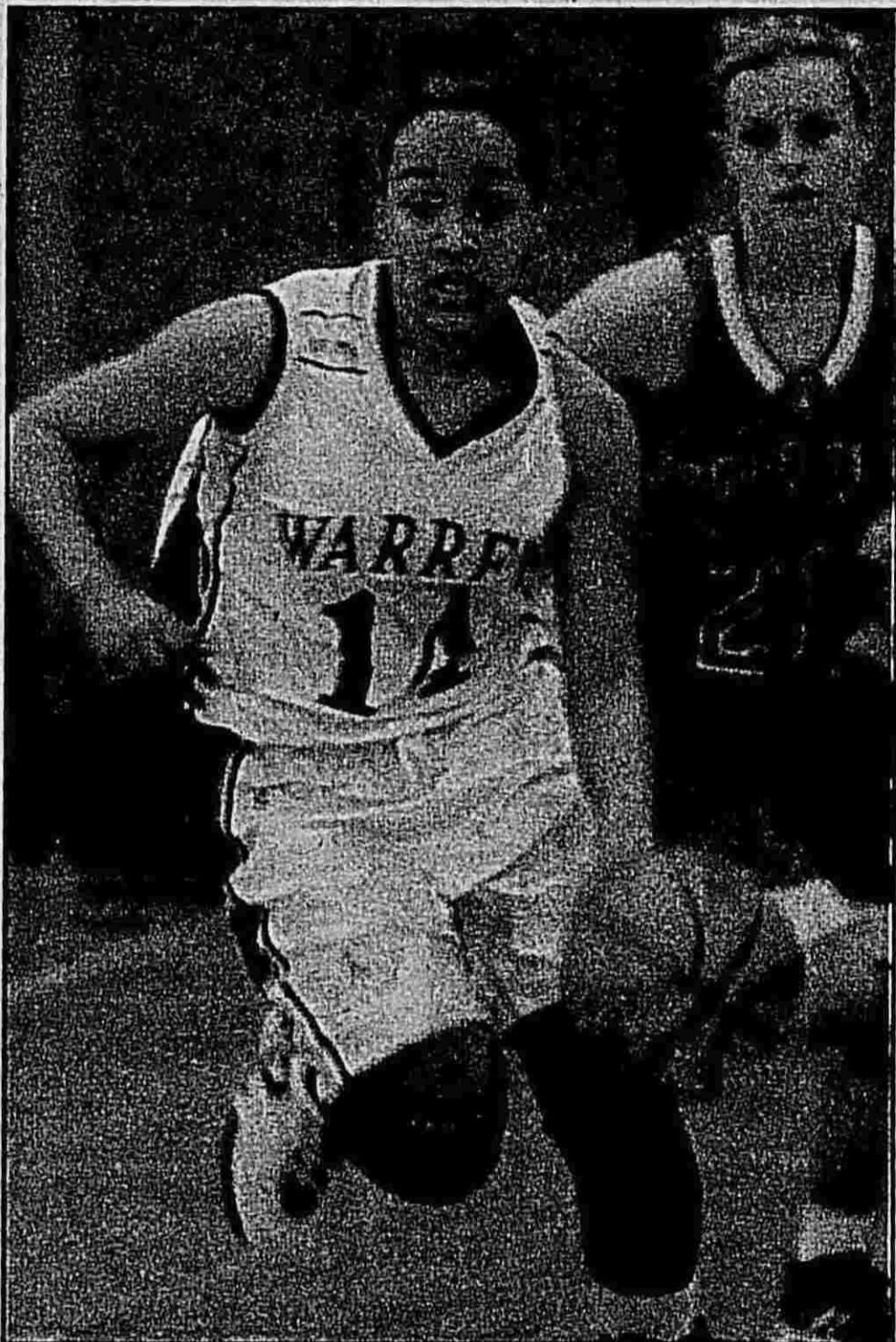
MUNDELEIN — With more than 50 wins between them, a sectional semi-final between the Grant Bulldogs and the Warren Blue Devils probably wasn't supposed to look like this.

The 38-32 Warren victory seemed more like a halftime score than a final score between the No. 1 and 4 seeds in the Mundelein Sectional.

By halftime, the 27-3 Blue Devils and 25-4 Bulldogs had scored just 21 points between them and racked up 19 turnovers. While Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz stopped short of calling the game "sloppy," it was a far cry from the North Suburban Conference championship where the two teams battled to a 52-51 overtime Warren win.

Stanczykiewicz blamed the lack of scoring production on stifling zone defenses and the overall size of the two rosters. Grant played a 1-3-1 zone while Warren worked with a 3-2 scheme that limited both teams' offense.

"Neither team gave the other team a lot of room to do anything," Stanczykiewicz said. "Both teams were forced to throw a lot of passes and search for shots. [Shots] were hard to come by and that was reflected



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Warren's Melanie Duplessis dribbles downcourt as Nikki Staton, of Grant, tries to catch her. Warren beat Grant 38-32 in the Mundelein semifinal sectional. Warren played in the sectional championship game against Johnsburg on Thursday, Feb. 22. Results were not available at press time.

in the score."

Throughout the physical matchup, both teams were locked in a battle. After one quarter, Warren led 6-5, after

two, the Blue Devils led by an 11-10 mark. But while Grant kept up its five-point-a-quarter production, Warren blew open the game in the third by



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Kariann Hill, of Grant, takes a moment after Grant's 32-38 semifinal sectional game loss to Warren.

outscored the Bulldogs 16-5.

All this scoring came despite Warren's center Sarah Boothe being sidelined because of foul trouble. It took just more than two minutes in the second half for Boothe to rack up her fourth foul. That's not to say that Boothe didn't have an effect on the game. Despite foul trouble and limited playing time, Boothe led all scorers with 16 points in the game.

"After the fourth foul, I just tried to play some conservative defense," Boothe said. "I knew not to take some of those chances where I could have got a foul."

Thanks to a combined 12 points from Blue Devils Melanie Duplessis, Stacy Leach and Brittany Innes, Warren gained control with a 16-5 third quarter to place Grant at a 27-15 deficit.

"If you would have told me that we wouldn't have Sarah Boothe for half of the ballgame and have a 12-point lead, I

would've questioned that," Stanczykiewicz said. "Without a doubt, this was a bench win."

Even after the big Warren third quarter, the game was far from done. The Bulldogs went on a 14-4 run in the middle of the fourth quarter to pull within one for a 33-32 Warren lead. But clutch free throw shooting for the Blue Devils down the stretch kept the Bulldogs scoreless.

Melanie Duplessis hit four crucial free throws late in the game. Nursing a one-point Warren lead, Duplessis hit a pair of free throws to start the late 5-0 run and capped it off with two more to secure the win.

"I was able to hit those because I wanted to win," Duplessis said. "I wanted just to put the game away in the last minute, I wanted to be able to come down and stall and just wait for the game to go by."

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WRESTLING: STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Freshman wrestler captures 119-pound championship

By STEVE PETERSON
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Grant wrestler Lee Munster is now alone in the world, or perhaps a better way to say it is that he's alone "on top of the world."

Lee Munster added his name to an

elite group of Grant state wrestling champions from 40-plus years of Bulldog grappling. Munster joins names like Steve Welter, in 1964 and 1965, and Jim Kennedy in 2004 and 2006.

What makes Munster so special is that now, he has three more chances to defend his title as he won his medal as a

freshman on Feb. 18 at the University of Illinois.

Munster had challenging matches throughout, ending with a 4-2 championship round win at 119 pounds over Chris Spangler, of Nequa Valley, then beating Lillashawn Coleman, of River Forest, 5-3 for the title.

"He set goals before the season started," Grant coach Ryan Geist said. "One of the goals individually was to win the state title, and that was four or five months ago. That is what drove him through all the hard work."

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On the Sidelines

February sets the scene for March Madness

Well, it's official, March Madness is upon us.

But wait, doesn't it have to be March in order for it to truly be "March Madness?" Not in my book.

With the girls basketball tournament in full-swing and the boys tournament just around the corner, this is definitely the time for prep basketball fans to come out and enjoy the scenery.

As much as I've griped in the past about the predictability of the girls tournament, that doesn't mean the games have been boring. Sure, as the tourney goes on, the seeds hold true, but there have been a few close calls along the way.

Grayslake Central and North Chicago truly had a classic in a 76-74 double-overtime battle.

Respective team stars

Kara Ming and Simone Coburn were shining brightly, scoring 26 and 31 points, respectively, as the basketball gods smiled down on Gurnee last Wednesday.

When the coaches were laying out this year's tournament bracket and giving the Rams the No. 8 seed and the Warhawks the No. 9 seed, this was probably about what they had in their minds. I don't know about the rest of you, but the No. 8 and No. 9 games are what get me the most excited when the NCAA tournament rolls around.

Well, that, and whenever my Indiana Hoosiers suit up.

But the Grayslake Central



**Daniel J.
Patrick**

North Chicago game was easily one of the best girls basketball games I have ever seen. From the screaming crowd critiquing each and every call, to the never-say-die play of Ram seniors Colleen Centella and Ming to North Chicago's Coburn, this was a game for all sports fans to enjoy.

Perhaps what is most exciting about such a game was knowing that prep basketball tournament season is just beginning. So forget about the month on the calendar and get out and check out some great high school basketball.

Not just athletes

This was most definitely a tough time for not only the University of Illinois, but college sports in general. And no, this has nothing to do with Chief Illiniwek.

Illini player Jamar Smith was charged with driving under the influence that led to the injury of his teammate Brian Carlwell. While Carlwell should be just fine as he recovers from a severe concussion, this still should not undermine the serious nature of what has just happened.

As we watch college athletes on TV, it's often hard to remember just how young these athletes are and how impulsive all of us are at the age of 18 or 19. And it's also hard to remember that they aren't just athletes there for our enjoyment, they're human beings.

Thankfully, no one else was hurt by this unfortunate accident and I hope Smith will be able to recover from this as a person long before he ever worries about basketball again.

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SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL: WARREN 51, STEVENSON 50

Senior clinches last-second victory for Blue Devils

Warren win NSC Lake Division title

By STEVE PETERSON

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LINCOLNSHIRE – Shannon Adams is used to pressure situations.

For the second time this year, the Warren senior delivered when the Blue Devils needed him the most.

First, with a layup that gave Warren its last lead at 51-50, then on the defensive end, providing enough defensive pressure to help cause Stevenson to miss its chance to win the game and the North Suburban Conference Lake Division title. Instead, Warren earned its spot opposite Lakes in this week's clash in Gurnee.

"It was not a designed play for one person. We passed up a

couple of marginal shots," Warren coach Chuck Ramsey said. "We had to get a shot, and we wanted to do it so there was some time left. Then we had to get a stop."

On a Friday night before a large crowd in Lincolnshire, Ceola Clark scored 15, most in the first half, and senior center Julian Jones added 11 and Adams 8. Logan Derrick pitched in with 8. The Blue Devils survived a barrage of 6 three-pointers by Stevenson in the home team's 18-9 second half run that gave the Pats the lead.

Another key factor in the Warren win was Jones, who came to the Warren program from Baltimore, said his game has grown in confidence. The 6-foot-7 center had seven rebounds against Stevenson. Jones said that the last shot seemed to take forever by Adams to go in, then the

Stevenson shot rattled around the rim before he grabbed the rebound and the celebration started.

"We just had to fight through the run that they had and finish it out," Adams said. "I just tried to play good defense. I tried to force him to the middle."

Warren led 40-31 and seemingly had things in hand midway through the third quarter after a Jones basket.

Stevenson's comeback was led by Kevin Stineman with 19 points, 8 in the fourth quarter, and Dylan Richter with 13.

Warren claimed the division title at 21-2 overall and 11-1 in NSC Lake, while Stevenson falls just shy of a division tie at 19-5, 10-2. Warren is the No. 1 seed at the Waukegan sectional, which starts next week. Many afterward said that the two teams might meet up again, at the super-sectional at the Sears Center.

BOYS BASKETBALL: GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL 40, GRAYSLAKE NORTH 36

Crosstown rivalry, take two

Rams sweep Knights

By STEVE PETERSON

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GRAYSLAKE – Defense made the difference for Grayslake Central.

The Rams were able to withstand a furious rally in the closing seconds to beat neighbor Grayslake North 40-36. The win evened the Rams record to 4-4 in the Fox Valley Conference Fox Division (7-17 overall).

The game was played before a festive Saturday night crowd, with some wearing beads and one wearing a cape. Rams fans came ready, too, with painted faces.

The Rams had won by 26 points the first matchup, and a 16-point lead in the second half looked like that was about to repeat.

The Knights, which only have one win in their first var-

sity season, had other ideas, playing hard until the final 30 seconds and erasing 12 of the 16-point deficit.

"But we had too many wasted possessions in the first half. We could not get a lot of shots off due to their pressure defense. We had 24 turnovers to their 13," Knights coach Todd Grunloh said.

The Rams maintained its lead, despite splitting free throws four times, usually a recipe for disaster. Two Mikes, Davis and Brumm, got the job done with 10 points each for Grayslake Central. Brumm, a sophomore, ended the free-throw woes with 1:09 left, for a 38-32 lead.

Jordan Field had just brought the Knights to within 5 at 37-32 with a jump shot.

"We were 8-of-16 from the free-throw line. If we made those, we would be six to eight points ahead," Rams coach Tim Bowen said. "We want to be

playing our best ball at the end of the year."

Center Tony Herman led the Knights with 12 points while Field and Noel DeLaMar had 8 points each.

The Rams left an impression early on that they would take charge and win the first season series. The first half ended in a 20-11 lead, and that grew to 36-20 when Davis hit an outside jumper early in the fourth.

Both coaches said that the teams did not have trouble getting up for the big rivalry game on parents night at Grayslake North.

"I'm glad for the community. Both sides' fans were intense, and you can mark two games on the calendar where there will be big crowds," Grunloh said.

Grayslake Central is seeking a better than .500 conference record and hosts Prairie Ridge and Huntley this week. The Huntley game is Feb. 23, the regular season finale.

Blue Devils show their dominance throughout regional games

• GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Even though the game wasn't Warren's prettiest, Stanczykiewicz said he was happy with the final result.

"When we start the state playoffs every year, it's all about survive and advance, and that's what we did tonight," Stanczykiewicz said.

McHenry Regional Final: Grant 48, Libertyville 41

The Grant Bulldogs secured win No. 25 on the season with a hard-fought 48-41 win over Libertyville, to win the McHenry Regional.

"We did much better with our free throws. It was nice. We all wanted this so bad, we kept our heads in the game and went at it," Grant senior Kariann Hill said. "We all reported to fifth grade girls basketball camp with this in our heads."

Autumn Gaylor led with 14 points, and Jamie Swanson added 10 points, including a clutch three-pointer. Hill had 7, but there also were important contributions from Tori Ziegler with 3 points and 3 rebounds, and point guard Nikki Staton, who had 5 points. Patience on offense kept the ball from Libertyville.

"I am so proud of the girls. They all worked so hard, and have represented the school well. This is the first group that I have coached since the fifth-grade basketball camps," Grant coach Tom Oeffling said. "I think that is the most emotion I have shown in a long time."

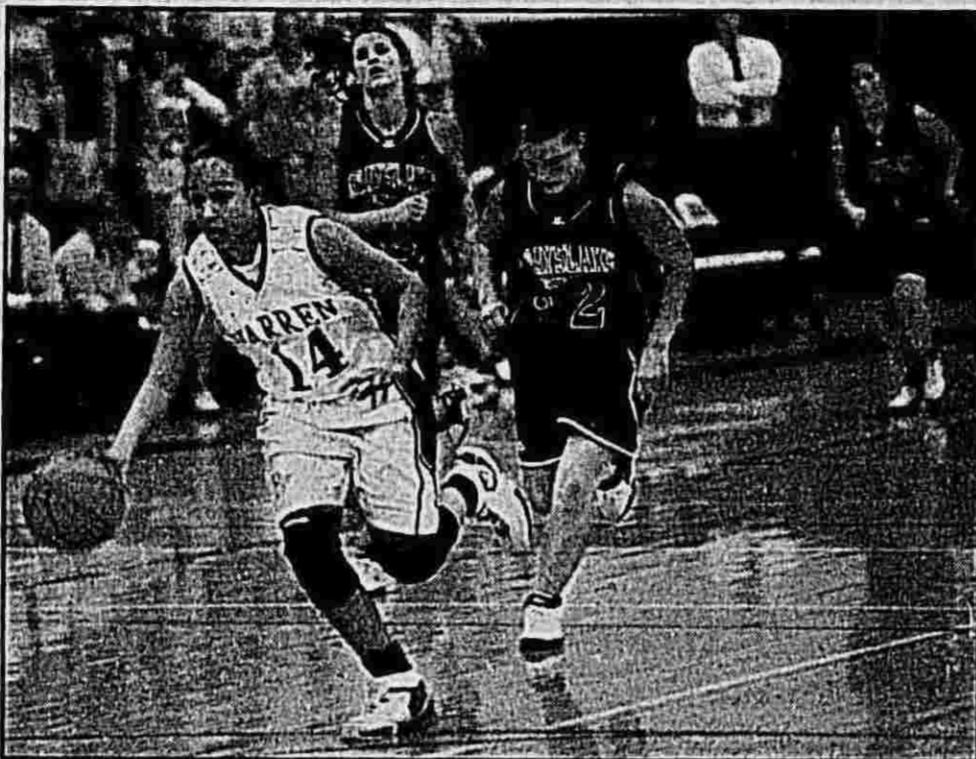
Warren Regional Final: Warren 60, Grayslake Central 38

Grayslake Central's Rams just didn't have enough left in the tank for Warren, as the Blue Devils defeated the Rams 60-38.

"Let's be honest, they played a double-overtime game [Wednesday] and had to play a lot of minutes," Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said. "So I figured at some point those minutes would catch up to them. Adrenaline takes you so far, but at some point you get tired."

Despite the tough beginning, the Rams were able to compete in the second quarter as Warren barely outscored the Rams 13-12. Grayslake Central wasn't done in the second as the Rams started out the third with an 8-4 run that whittled Warren's lead down to six at 32-26.

However, the Blue Devils were able to answer back with a



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Melanie Duplessis, of Warren, pulls ahead of Grayslake Central as she makes her way to the basket during Thursday night's regional championship game. Warren won 60-38.

17-7 run of their own to close out the third stanza with a 49-33 lead, effectively slamming the door on the Rams.

"I thought we had a couple moments, but we just couldn't convert fully," Rams coach Kristin Gulinski said. "[Warren] played a very good game."

Grayslake's Lauren Trentadue, Megan LeBaron and Haley Glynn were given the task of containing Sarah Boothe. But despite the trio's efforts, Boothe still finished the game with 13 points, 7 rebounds and 4 blocks.

Warren Regional Semifinal: Warren 77, Wauconda 31

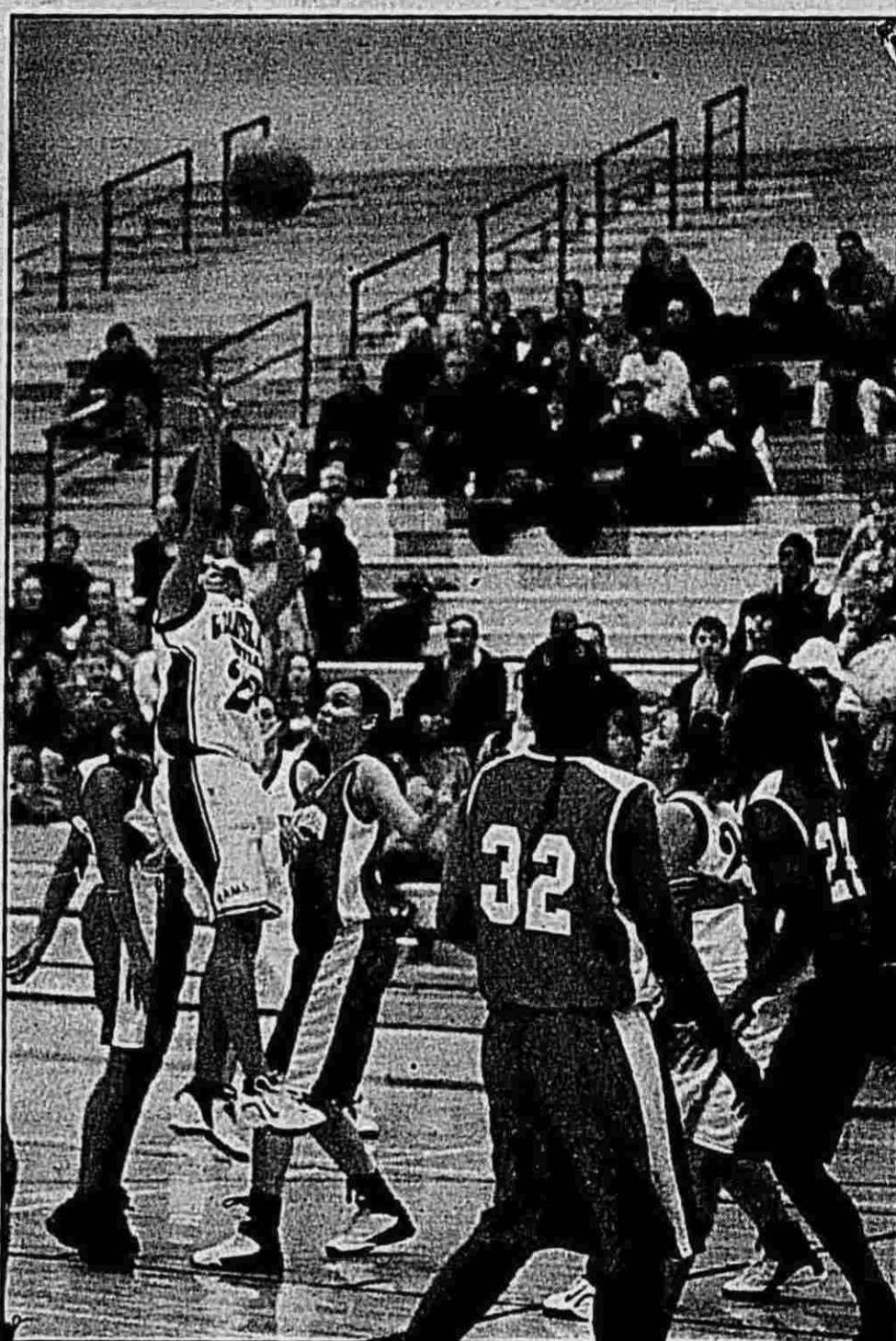
If there were any remaining questions about Warren center Sarah Boothe's dominance over the area's girls basketball scene, the Blue Devils' 77-31 regional semifinal win over Wauconda answered them.

Facing constant double-teaming from the young, but talented Bulldogs, Boothe nearly outscored the opposition herself, finishing with 29 points, 14 rebounds and four steals. Boothe's point total matched her career high, although she was five boards away from her career rebounding mark.

Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said he was impressed with Boothe's play, not necessarily because of her 29 points, but the time she was able to do it.

"She racked up those points even though she only played half the game," Stanczykiewicz said.

Lauren Mead led the way for the Bulldogs with 13 points and seven rebounds while Kate Martino chipped in 7 points.



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Grayslake Central's Kelly Washington jumps and shoots during No. 8 Grayslake's 76-74 victory in double overtime against No. 9 North Chicago in a Warren regional game.



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Warren's bench celebrates during the team's 77-31 regional semifinal game victory over Wauconda.

Warhawks had a 74-73 lead with less than a minute left. Grayslake Central's Rachel Culp hit an inside shot to put the Rams up, 75-74.

From there, Grayslake stole the ball back and ran time off the clock, before Centella drew a desperation foul. Centella kept things interesting by splitting

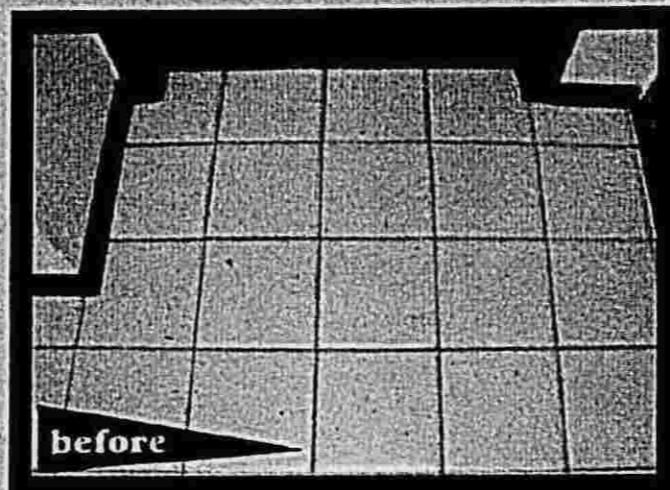
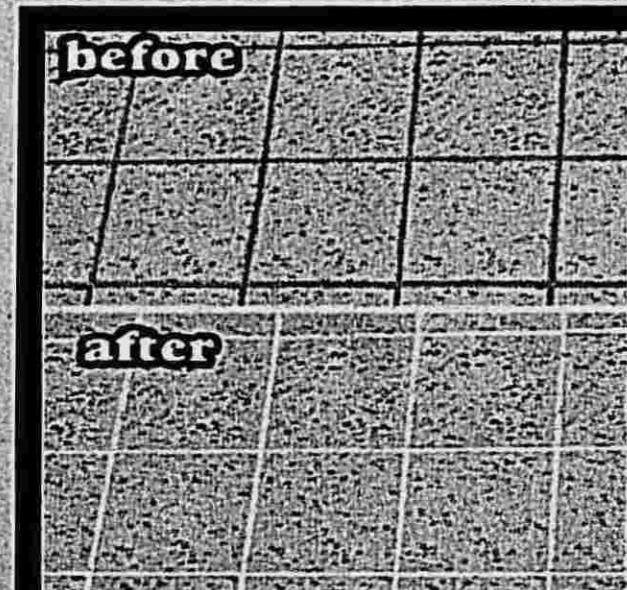
her free throws for a 76-74 lead with 3.8 seconds left on the clock. Setting up for a last shot at the basket, North Chicago threw an inbound pass that was intercepted by Ram senior Kelly Washington for the win.

• Reporter Steve Peterson contributed to this report.

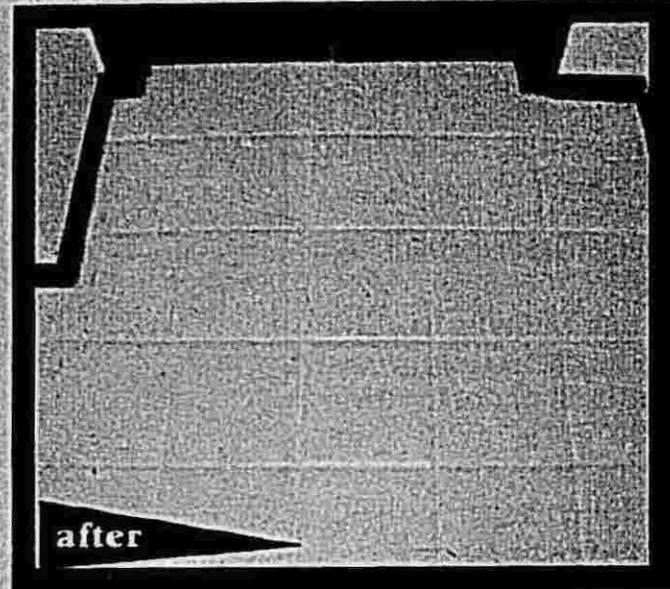


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NASCAR THIS WEEK

WHAT'S UP-NEXT

- Race: Auto Club 500
- Where: California Speedway, Fontana (2.0 miles), 250 laps/500 miles.
- When: Sunday, Feb. 25
- Last year's winner: Matt Kenseth
- Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 188.425 mph, Feb. 25, 2005.
- Race record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 155.012 mph, June 22, 1997.
- Last week: If ever a man knew not to get his hopes up, it was Mark Martin, even when he roared off the final turn with the lead in the Daytona 500. The 48-year-old Martin, bidding to become the first part-time driver to win the 500 since Cale Yarborough in 1984, had every excuse to be bitter after

Kevin Harvick won the sport's biggest race instead. But it's not Martin's style. "Nobody wants to see a grown man cry," said Martin, "and I'm not going to cry about it." Harvick may not have made the tenacious Martin cry. Nothing likely would. But Harvick deprived the 24-year veteran of a career-making Daytona 500 victory by slipping by him at the finish line. NASCAR officials played a role, too. As Martin roared off the fourth turn, secure in the belief that he could keep those behind him at bay, a huge crash occurred. Inexplicably, NASCAR officials let the leaders race across the line, in effect swallowing their whistles by failing to unfurl a yellow flag.

- Race: Stater Brothers 300
- Where: California Speedway, Fontana (2.0 miles), 150 laps/300 miles.
- When: Saturday, Feb. 24
- Last year's winner: Greg Biffle
- Qualifying record: Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 185.941 mph, Feb. 26, 2005.
- Race record: Hank Parker Jr., Chevrolet, 155.957 mph, April 26, 2001.
- Last week: Kevin Harvick, in a Chevrolet, won the Orbitz 300 at Daytona, with Dave Blaney finishing runner-up in a Toyota.

- Race: San Bernardino County 200
- Where: California Speedway, Fontana (2.0 miles), 100 laps/200 miles.
- When: Friday, Feb. 23
- Last year's winner: Mark Martin
- Qualifying record: David Reutimann, Toyota, 178.980 mph, Feb. 24, 2006.
- Race record: Ted Musgrave, Dodge, 145.926 mph, Sept. 30, 2003.
- Last week: Jack Sprague, in a Toyota, edged fellow Toyota driver Johnny Benson and Ford's Travis Kvapil in a side-by-side finish at Daytona.

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2. Mark Martin	15
3. Jeff Burton	25
4. Mike Wallace	30
5. David Ragan	35
6. David Gilliland	43
7. Joe Nemechek	52
8. Jeff Gordon	56
9. David Stremme	60
10. J.J. Yeley	63

BUSCH SERIES

1. Kevin Harvick	190
2. Dave Blaney	20
3. Carl Edwards	20
4. Clint Bowyer	25
5. Mark Martin	35
6. Martin Truex Jr.	35
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	39
8. Tony Stewart	48
9. Denny Hamlin	52
10. Greg Biffle	56

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

1. Jack Sprague	190
2. Johnny Benson	15
3. Travis Kvapil	15
4. Mike Skinner	25
5. Todd Bodine	30
6. Joey Clanton	40
7. Ron Hornaday	44
8. Ted Musgrave	47
9. Mike Crafton	48
10. Rick Crawford	51

(Right) Kevin Harvick celebrates his first-career Daytona 500 victory.

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► Who's hot — Kevin Harvick, who won both the Cup and Busch races at Daytona. ... David Ragan, the much-maligned rookie who finished fifth.

► Who's not — Mark Martin, deprived of what would've been the biggest victory of his career. ... Tony Stewart, wrecked from behind while leading with less than 50 laps to go.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Martin says changes to sport take some of the fun away

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Mark Martin surveyed the ruins of a week's suspensions and fines and said there was no mystery.

"The message from NASCAR is clear," he said. "We're tightening up, guys."

Martin doesn't much like the enforced standardization that is going on in the sport. He sees the stiff penalties and intense scrutiny as a sign of the times he doesn't much enjoy. He doesn't run the sport; NASCAR does. Quite clearly.

NUTS AND BOLTS

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"Certainly," said Martin, "the rules for the COT and the way that car is, it tightens the box up like I have never seen. It's incredible how the box has tightened there. Because the box is tightened, it's like a handful of spaghetti. ... All of these things (violations, with the exception of those involving Michael Waltrip's team) are small things."

"When I was coming along, I heard those old guys yapping

about how good the old days were, how wrong the kids were and all that stuff. I don't want to be one of those guys because, when they were saying it, it wasn't very attractive to me. ... I don't want to be a naysayer like that, sort of the old-timers' syndrome. I don't want to sign up for that. It's different, and, yes, it's taken the fun out of it for me because I don't feel like I have a way to contribute anymore."

He doesn't know — Even John Force, the 14-time champion of

NHRA Funny Cars, found himself being drawn into NASCAR's cheating debate. Force visited Daytona on Friday and was asked about the scandal.

"The trick is, I guess, if you're going to cheat, don't get caught," he said, "or at least that's how we look at it down there in drag racing." Force was quick to add that he hasn't cheated: "I'm not a real motorhead. I'm just a driver and a promoter and an owner."

"I don't know if anybody was cheating or not, and I'm not going to give an opinion on it, OK? I think these are all great racers, and I just can't give an

opinion because I don't know."

Different kind of diversity

Brendan Gaughan, who competed in the Craftsman Truck Series race at Daytona, has a different kind of diversity program. Three members of Gaughan's pit crew — Calvin Gravely of Martinsville, Va.; Mike Harris of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Chris Justice of Greensboro, N.C. — are black.

Justice, 28, played defensive back at Wake Forest and on an arena football team in Charlotte, N.C.

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL: MUNDELEIN 64, ROUND LAKE 35

Panthers season comes to an end

By STEVE PETERSON
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JOHNSBURG - If someone walked into Johnsburg gym a few minutes late at the Round Lake-Mundelein girls basketball regional game, one might think it was a close contest.

Round Lake had the upper hand early in the first quarter, but Mundelein was the more

determined team for three and a half quarters and won easily, 64-35.

The Mustangs (14-14) had the weapons of 6-foot-2 Stefanie Winthrow's 24 points and freshman Brooke Evans had 10.

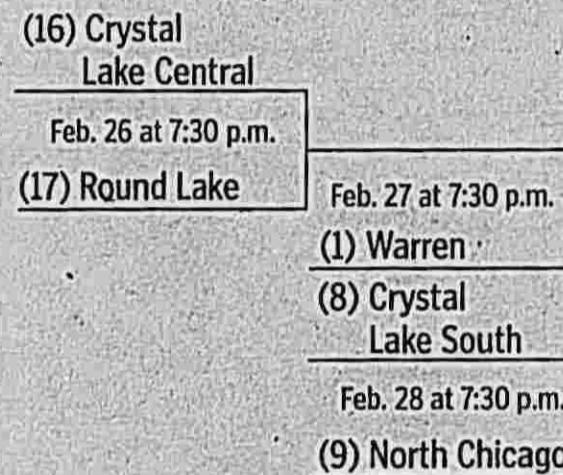
Round Lake's Labrenthia Murdock was the leading scorer in a group that will almost all be back next year for Round Lake, led with 15 points.

"We played pretty good in the first quarter, but we did not play well defensively with our feet," Round Lake coach Gary Edge said. "In the second half, we did not make good decisions with the ball, and allowed them to get to the line too much."

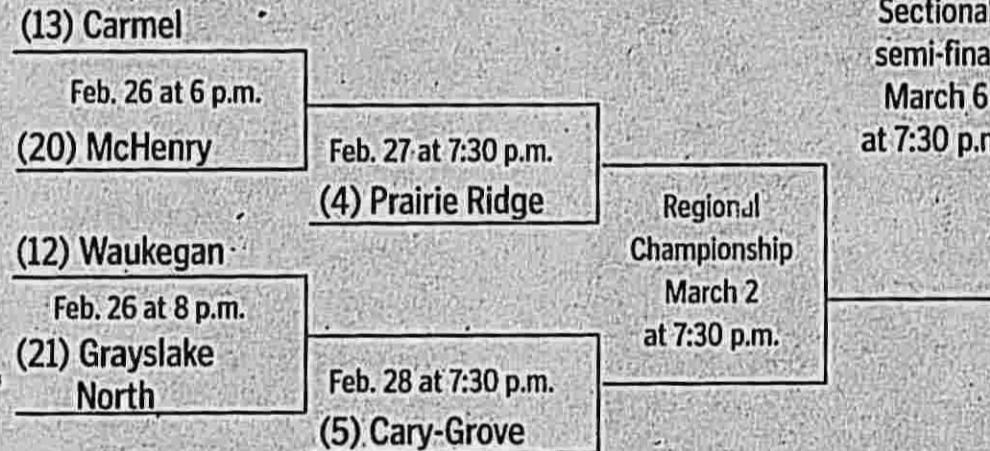
The Panthers had their ups and downs this season, but finished with an above .500 record at 14-13.

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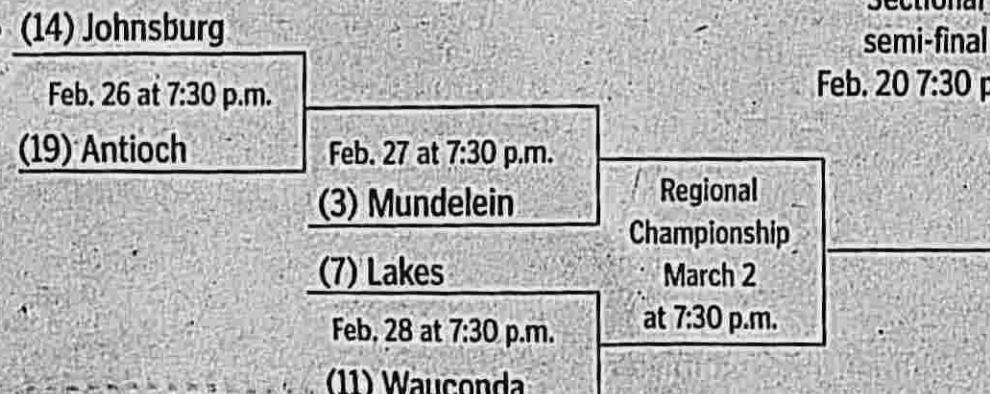
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Still a happy ending

Grant's sectional semifinal loss doesn't dampen regional win

By STEVE PETERSON
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MUNDELEIN - The game had ended, and Grant High girls basketball players and coaches exchanged high-fives, the same way they started contest during the year.

The last to come out of the locker room were friends Kariann Hill and Jamie Swanson.

The two had a mindset that, with the rest of the team, they were not going to let a 12-point deficit or a 0-for-7 first half free throw effort determine how their 25-4 season would be remembered.

Swanson scored 14 points and Hill 7, and the Bulldogs erased 11 points off the Warren lead in the sectional semifinal. But Warren came out with a 38-32 win.

"We play big teams well. When teams play Grant, they know it won't be easy," Swanson said. "It will be scary to be a senior next year. We're always looking up to the seniors and they never gave up. When we were down on the floor, our seniors helped us keep our heads up. The season had its ups and downs, but it was all about the memories."

Swanson scored all 10 of her points in the comeback, including two three-pointers.

Head coach Tom Oeffling said his Bulldogs had a very good season to look back on.

"We accomplished a lot. We won 25 games and the first regional in 25 years. I could not be more proud of them," Oeffling said. "I'm not disappointed at all."

A 16-5 Warren run turned the tide in the third quarter. But before that, Grant had Warren on the ropes and Sarah Boothe out of the game with fouls in a grind-it-out 11-10

Warren lead at halftime.

"Free throws were the bane of our existence," Oeffling said of an 0-for-7 first half at the line. "We did not do a good job of getting out on their shooters."

Warren had an 12-point lead when Swanson sparked the rally with a three-pointer.

Nikki Staton (5 points) trimmed the margin to 9, then Swanson to 4, Staton to 3, and when Swanson hit a trey with 2:31 left, the score was Warren 33-32.

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Their 1-3-1 was a good zone, they played us tough.

John Stanczykiewicz
Warren boys basketball coach

"Swanson is just such a competitor. That helps her step up and make the shot," Oeffling said.

Warren (27-3), which beat Grant by just one point in the North Suburban Conference title game, had 14 points from Boothe and 9 from Melanie Duplessis, and was a solid 5-for-6 from the free-throw line in the final 90 seconds.

"Their 1-3-1 was a good zone, they played us tough," Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said. "Swanson is a good shooter, but it was also because how poorly we guarded her."

The Bulldogs were forced to settle for the outside shot, as the inside was often shut down thanks to Warren's height.

"Every time I would drive, there would be three girls there," Hill said.

Swanson vows to work hard with returning juniors: Tori Ziegler, Heather Ruetsche, Mary Roath, Bailey Wagner, Autumn Gaylor and Krissy Singleton. Hill, center Becka Gonyo and Staton still have that memory from that special night in McHenry, when Grant beat Libertyville for the regional title.

"We're the team that won the regional," Hill said with a smile.

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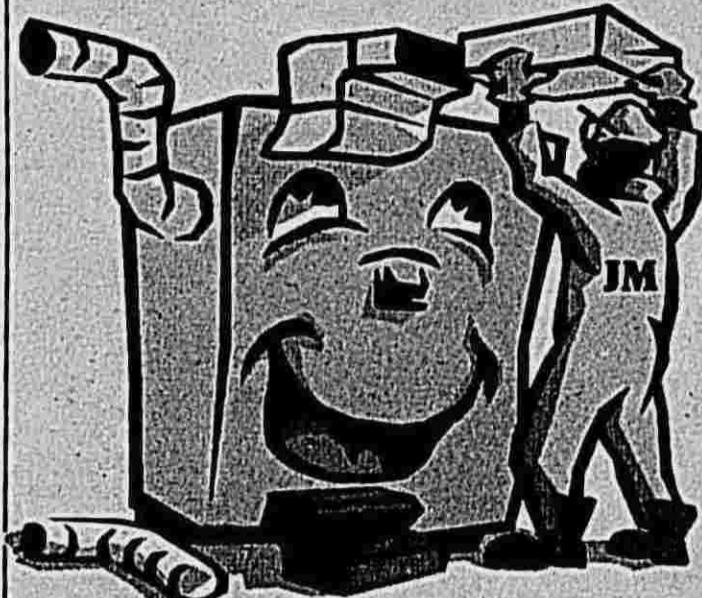
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Grant's Lee Munster reacts after he is declared the state wrestling champion in the 119-pound class over Lillashawn Coleman, of Oak Park - River Forest, during the Illinois Individual State Wrestling Tournament.

Carmel, Warren earn medals at wrestling state tournament

• WRESTLING

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Munster's first match, a 7-2 overtime win, was his most difficult. The title win featured a match winning takedown in the final period. Munster knew he would have a tough go of it.

"Looking at the bracket, I knew that I had the harder side if I kept going. I used my conditioning a lot, since I was the underdog in the tournament," Munster said.

Coleman made for a tall and lanky foe, something that Munster had to adjust to into the finals. But after giving up the early points, Lee did just that.

Munster also was upbeat about his team's chance in this week's Class AA duals at Glenbrook North. "I think we still have a good shot as a team," he said.

Clinton finishes 4th for Carmel

Carmel senior heavyweight Dan Clinton gained a fourth-place medal, after losing in the semifinal round. Clinton had seasons of 20, 37 and 38 wins and coach Joe Scordino said that he thinks the senior is a shoe-in to wrestle in college next year.

While Clinton undoubtedly has more wrestling ahead of him, that doesn't make settling for fourth place in the here and now any easier.

"One of the toughest things in sports is to comeback after having your dreams dashed in the semifinal round," Scordino said.

Clinton lost a tough overtime

decision, 3-2, to Peter Kowalcuk of Oak Park-River Forest in the 285 semifinals. He advanced to the third-place match with a walk-over, having defeated Adrian Cerillo of Joliet Township in the quarterfinals, but lost a 6-2 decision to Eric Reetke of Orland Park Sandburg.

Two sixes for Warren

Warren's 171-pounder, Justin Carlson, lost by a pin to a powerful Mike Benefiel of Montini in 1:37 in the semifinals, then lost a heartbreak battle 7-5 in overtime to John Doyle of Orland Park Sandburg at 171. Carlson had won 8-1 over Ben Treat of Edwardsville. Brennan Drew at 145 also gained sixth place, giving Warren two medal winners for the first time.

Drew finished 39-3 and Carlson was 38-7.

Drew won a first round match over John Earhart of Belvidere 10-2 in the first round, then pinned Elias Larson of Chicago Brother Rice in 1:51.

Jon Gonzalez of the Blue Devils fought off illness just to be at the state meet, Warren coach Mark Tiffany said, but he lost a 10-6 decision to Shane Kennelly of Reavis.

"He just could not finish matches because he had not practiced all week," Tiffany said.

Dillon Pousson of Round Lake had an excellent start, with a 15-6 win over Mike Black of Marian Central. The 119 pounder also beat Mark Marianovich of Chicago Heights Marian, 11-4.



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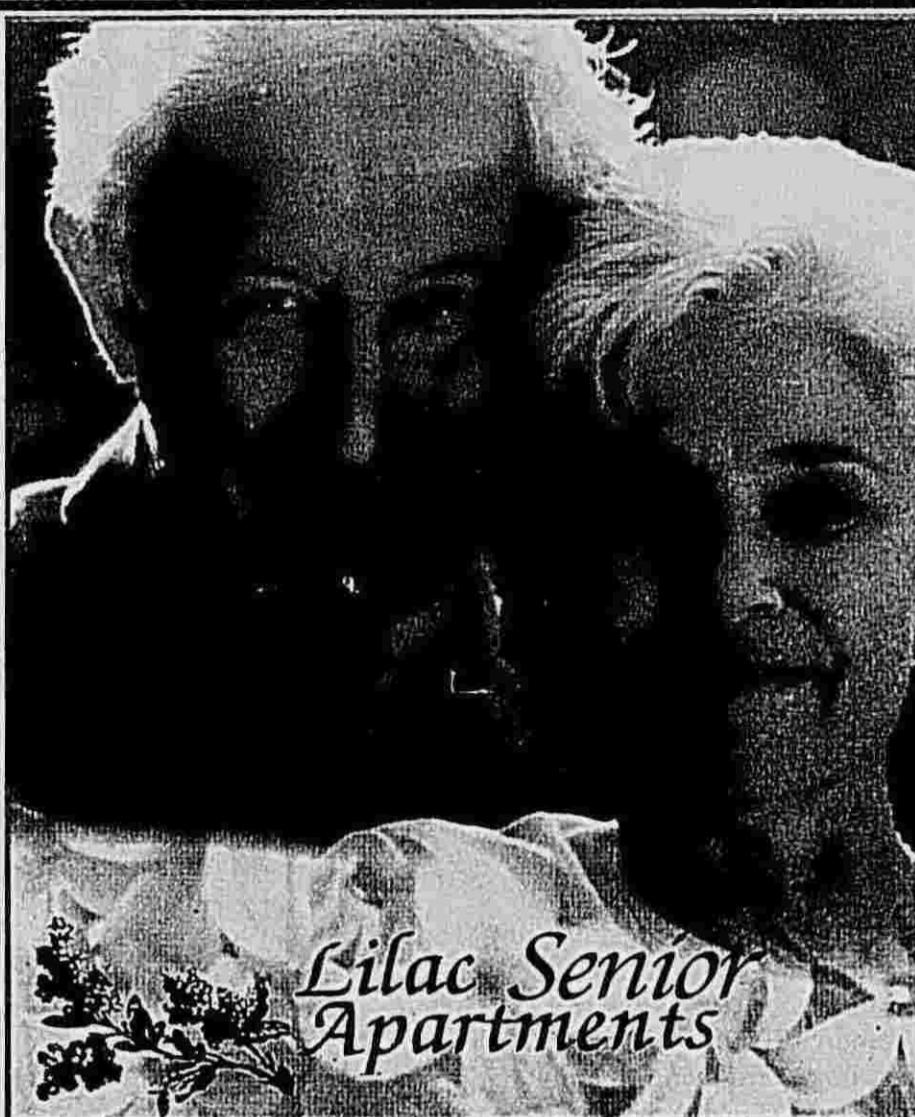
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Educator finds joy, meaning in teaching

By TARA CLIFTON

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Before rushing off to yet another activity with his son one night, Eric Skoog took five minutes to grab a slice of bologna from the refrigerator.

He rolled up the meat and held it just inches from the mouth of his black labrador.

"This is what they call the principal's trick," Skoog said, smiling. Then he told the dog to sit.

Skoog named each day of the week through Friday, at which point he yelled, "Saturday!" and the dog gently grabbed the bologna from his hand and scarfed it.

The point of the trick, Skoog said, is that a principal works during the week, but gets to have fun on Saturday.

Skoog, coordinator of the student assistance program for School District 34, doesn't have to wait until the weekend to start relaxing, though.

The long-time educator said he has a blast while working because he gets to do one of the things he loves best: Interacting with children while teaching them skills to last a lifetime.

During his eight years at Antioch Upper Grade School, six of which were as principal, Skoog jump-started programs that officials had in the works for years, such as creating a safety committee and an anti-bullying program.

The safety committee is made up of parents and staff members who meet regularly to discuss ways to reduce fights, drug use, and other dangers.

The bullying program helps kids learn how to not be targets, Skoog said, such as not overreacting to certain behavior and learning to stand up for themselves.

Now as coordinator of the student assistance program, Skoog can bounce among the district's five schools to check on the status of those initiatives, and do some teaching himself.

For example, Skoog once used a puppet during a school assembly to teach kids about the importance of having strong character.

He also gets great joy from seeing evidence of teachers' hard work, such as improved test scores and brightened attitudes.

"When I go to work every day, I feel like I'm working with a purpose," Skoog said. "I enjoy everything about it."



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

Eric Skoog, the student assistance coordinator for Antioch School District 34, gives a presentation about staying healthy to first-graders at Hillcrest Elementary School.

Skoog shows the same enthusiasm for the extra activities he does outside the school building, according to people who volunteer with him. He coaches for the Antioch Youth Little League, Antioch's branch of the American Youth Soccer Organization, and more.

"He has made a huge difference in the kids he coaches in our club," said Linda DiVito, who helps out with the Lakeland Predators Wrestling Club.

One boy wasn't sure whether he wanted to stay with the wrestling group until Skoog signed on as a coach, DiVito said.

Getting to know ... Eric Skoog

Age: 43

Profession: Coordinator of the student

assistance program for School District 34

Hometown: Mahomet, Ill.

Birthplace: Champaign

Education: Working toward Ph.D.

Family: Wife Sherri; Hannah, 9; Gunnar, 11

Hobbies: Playing guitar, singing, wrestling, the Cubs, the Bears, playing with family.



"But he liked Eric's style so much, now he loves it," she said.

Linda's husband, Gary, who also coaches for the club, said Skoog's positive attitude was contagious among the students.

"With his high energy, they are like a magnet to him," Gary DiVito said. "He's always there for the kids, and you can always count on him to do the right thing."

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When I go to work every day,
I feel like I'm working
with a purpose.
I enjoy everything about it.

Eric Skoog

Coordinator of the student assistance program
for School District 34

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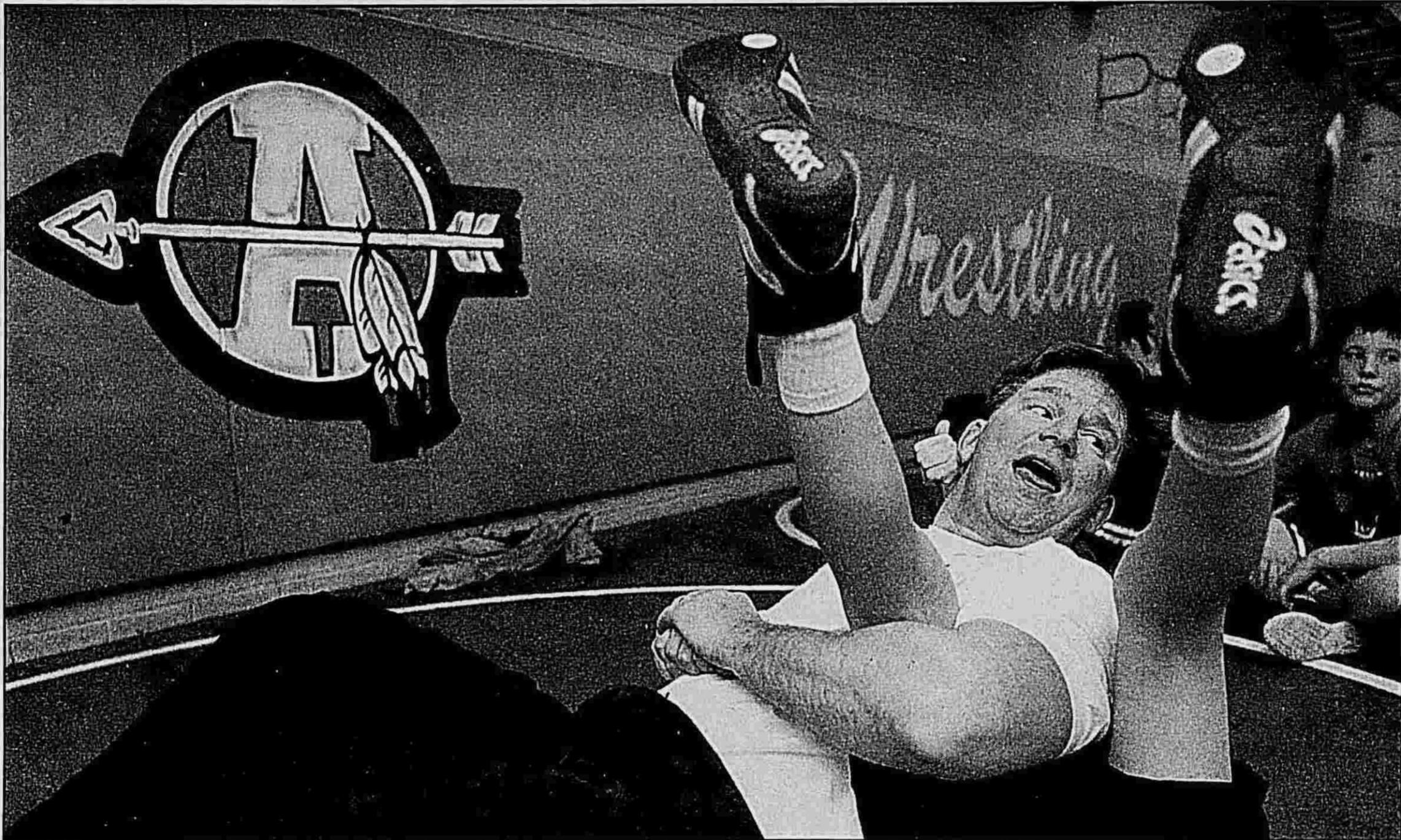
Education is not what Skoog had in mind, though, when he was searching for a career. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a degree in sports medicine.

Skoog had been a star wrestler in high school, winning state championships during his junior and senior years. In his spare time, he was lead singer in a rock band.

Sports was definitely his thing. But when he graduated, Skoog's first job in the real world was managing a restaurant near Chicago.

He loved his job and met many different types of people, including Chicago Bears great Walter Payton.

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Eric Skoog, who wrestled for the University of Illinois, demonstrates a wrestling move with his 11-year-old son, Gunnar, during a practice with the Lakeland Predators at Antioch Community High School. Skoog is the coordinator of the student assistance program for Antioch School District 34.



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Faith helps couple cope

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But something was missing, he said.

"My heart was really longing for purpose," Skoog said.

He felt that teaching would be the best way to make the biggest difference in people's lives.

So he went back to school, received a teaching certification, and started his career as an educator.

His first job in this area was at Grayslake School District 46, where he met his wife, Sherri. They taught social studies for different grades.

The two hit it off immediately, Sherri said. They married 13 years ago in a double wedding with Sherri's sister.

Two children, Gunnar, 11, and Hannah, 9, have come along since, as have job changes, a new home, and more.

Sherri now teaches first grade at Hillcrest Elementary School. And Eric went from assistant principal to principal at Antioch Upper Grade School. Now he works for the district's student programs.

And over the past several years, the couple have become involved with NorthBridge Church, 229 Depot St., in Antioch.

Eric goes to Bible studies; Sherri helps out with children's ministries.

Strengthening their faith, individually and as a couple, has become a top priority, Eric and Sherri said.

Educators experience both the good and bad of a child's life – and sometimes the very bad.

Eric said he has encountered abused children, students who have lost a parent, and other tragic situations.

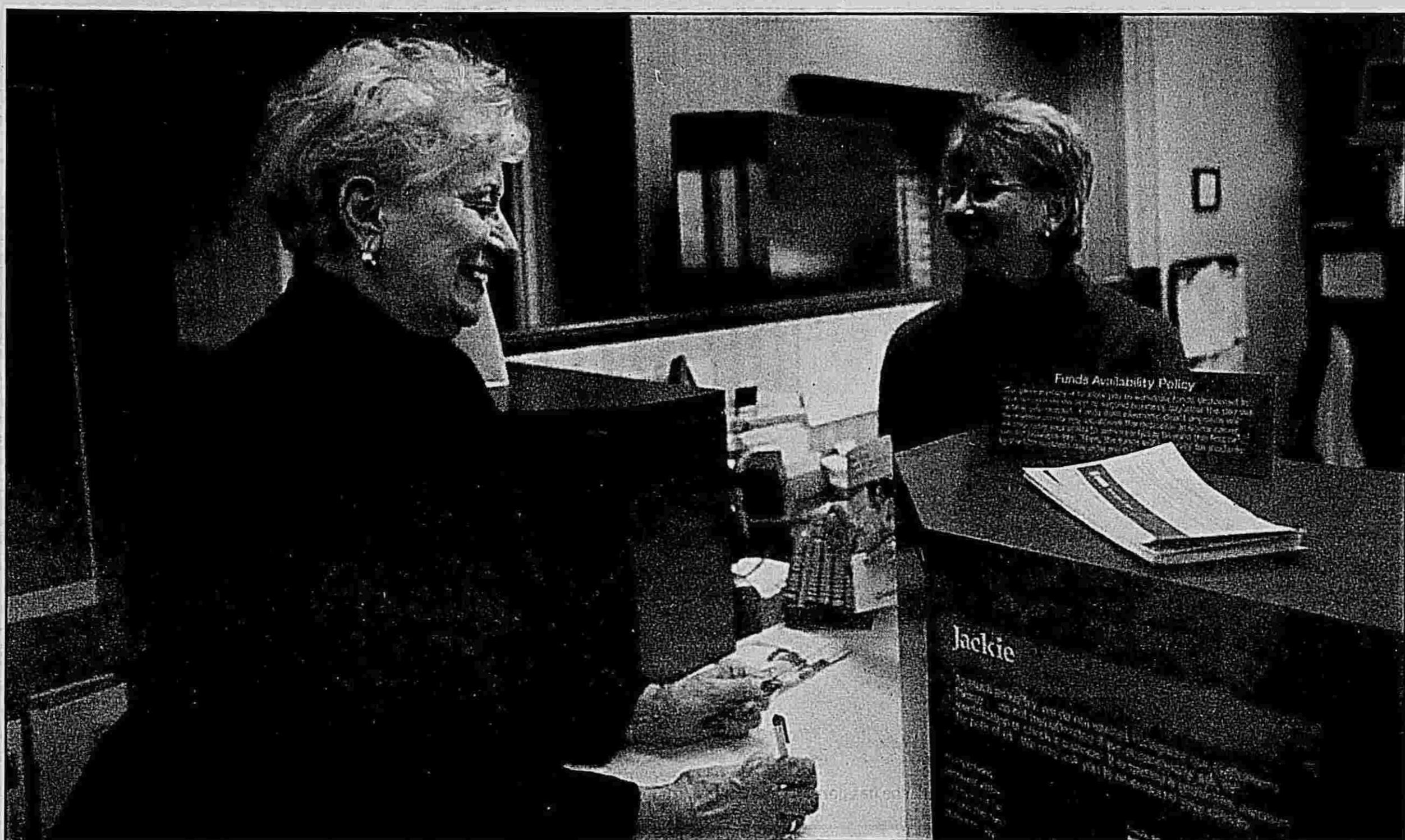
To get through it, "We turn to faith," he said.

And having the fellowship of church members lends extra support, they said.

A common theme that churches teach, having a "purpose-driven life," is something that he strives for every day, Eric said.

He said he hopes his students learn that lesson, too.

"I teach involvement, not apathy," he said. "Life is busy, but people should get involved."



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Jeannette Campbell chats with one of her former co-workers inside Harris Bank in Fox Lake. Campbell retired after more than 30 years of service.

Always ready to lend a helping hand

McHenry resident volunteers time to better Lake County

By STEVE PETERSON
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As the saying goes, when you need something done, assign a busy person.

Jeannette Campbell is one such person. From Mano a Mano in Round Lake to educational foundations for Grant Community High School and Johnsburg schools, Campbell has been part of the volunteering scene in Lake and McHenry counties.

"I was the first woman member of the Fox Lake Rotary Club," Campbell said one Tuesday afternoon.

She was ready for her "job" at the Camp Duncan YMCA

Getting to Know ... Jeannette Campbell

Age: 70
Profession: Vice president, banking (retired)
Hometown: Chicago
Birthplace: Deerfield
Education: High school graduate, some classes in college
Family: One married daughter, Dawn Nellessen; two sons, Donald and Douglass
Hobbies: Golf, biking



fundraiser at a Barrington country club. "I'll be greeting people and working the live and silent auctions," Campbell said before the event in early February.

Campbell said the Johnsburg District 12 Education Foundation has been a success, with thousands of dollars going to those in need of scholarship for further study.

Fox Lake Elementary District 114 Superintendent John

Donnellan has known Campbell for several years.

"She has always been a true friend of District 114, with our education foundation. She has always been generous with her time and money and especially her expertise. She was a liaison between us and Harris Bank, and if any issue arose, she got it worked out," Donnellan said of Campbell. "Her public service is without question. I think the

world of Campbell."

Grant Township Supervisor Kay Starostovic agreed.

"Jeannette is just fantastic," Starostovic said. "She is a real go-getter. If you give her a job, you know it will get done."

Pat Weber, of Harris Bank Fox Lake, recalled meeting Campbell in 1987.

"She has gotten myself and my husband more involved in the community," Weber said. "With so many of her close ties, she inspires you to be more involved with her enthusiasm, interest and caring."

Campbell is a three-year member of the YMCA Camp Duncan Board of Directors, which recently organized a fundraiser.

Kim Kiser, senior vice president of camping for YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, called Campbell "a fabulous volunteer."

"Jeannette is involved in sev-

eral things at camp, as an adviser on the board, to Tag Days and the gala," Kiser said. "She was a good fit right away."

Camp Duncan has a board of directors of about 20 members.

World traveler

Campbell enjoys seeing the world.

"I have gone to Mexico each March for a time share to play bingo," she said. "I have also been to China just after they opened up Beijing to the tourists. There weren't any cars yet, just bikes and oxen."

She also was part of a group audience that St. John the Baptist Church Choir had with Pope John Paul II.

"It was an awesome experience," she recalled. "We went as a choir and sang for him. I was an alto. The whole trip took 17 days."

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Jeannette Campbell smiles as she reflects on the volunteer work she has done in Lake County.

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CAMPBELL

Woman goes the extra mile

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The world traveler, whose parents are from Wausau, Wis., also has visited Prague and the former Nazi concentration camps.

Her Lake County start

It was 40 years ago that Campbell first came to a then-quiet Lake County. She went to work for Fox Lake State Bank, later Lakeland Community Bank, and then Harris Bank.

"I worked in an accounting office that used posting machines," she said. "We had to roll the coins by hand. You just get used to it. I loved the customer service."

Fellow Harris staffer Candy Luzar said that Campbell was a mentor to many in the banking industry. "No one in this community ever had anything bad to say about Jeannette," she said.

Campbell estimates that she knows hundreds of people in western Lake County, possibly in the thousands. She intro-

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Jeannette is just fantastic.

Kay Starostovic
Grant Township Supervisor

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duced many of them to Kiser, Camp Duncan's camping executive, to generate support for the YMCA's gala fundraiser.

Campbell said she is still friends with some of her earliest contacts, such as Jim Cermak and Judy Tronvig. She worked with Cermak during her days as president of Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"It is rewarding," Campbell said of volunteer work. "When asking for donations, you have to be able to explain what the group's needs are."

Campbell, who lives in the McHenry area, has three grandsons at Grant Community High School and another in eighth grade.

Fox Lake Chamber announces 2007 Business/Family Expo

The Fox Lake Area of Commerce and Industry will hold its annual Business/Family Expo on Saturday, March 3rd, 2007. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grant Community High School, 285 East Grand Avenue, in Fox Lake. Over 50 area businesses will participate in this event and at least 2,000 area residents are expected to attend.

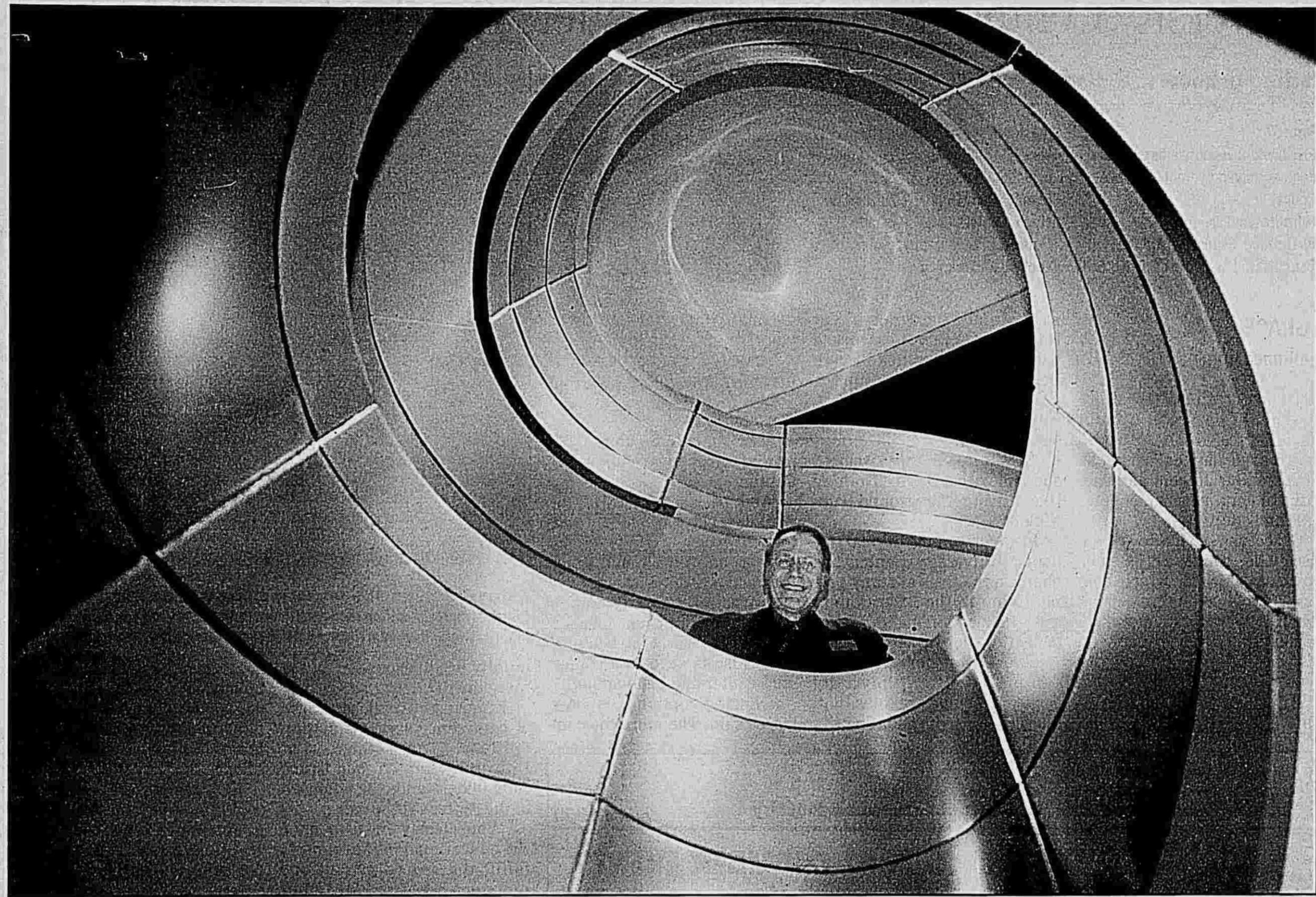
The Chamber is a networking association for the promotion of businesses in the Greater Fox Lake Area, with a current membership of 196.

Membership benefits include a monthly meeting and luncheon, monthly newsletter and business listings on the Chamber's web page. In addition to the Business/Family Expo, the Chamber also sponsors an annual golf outing, the Celebrate Fox Lake Parade, the Fox Lake Boat show and Santa's Spaghetti Supper in December.

The Chamber also awards scholarships to area high school students who plan to attend college.

The Chamber serves the local businesses in Fox Lake as well as other nearby communities such as Ingleside, Volo, Antioch and Round Lake.

For more information or to join the Chamber, call 847-587-7474, or check out the website at discoverfoxlake.com.



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G. Gary Grace, executive director and dean at University Center of Lake County, looks down a staircase at the center's Grayslake campus during an open house on Jan. 31. Grace has worked at University Center since 2001. He has more than 30 years of higher education experience.

High hopes for higher education

Executive director enjoys challenges that come with academic institute position

By KATHY GRESEY
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Engaging G. Gary Grace in an education-related discussion is not difficult.

He can seriously analyze the subject at a micro level. Or he can tackle it broadly, interjecting humorous anecdotes about academia.

Either way, Grace talks so that his listeners can understand. And that skill is critical to his having successfully undertaken the role of executive director

and dean at University Center of Lake County.

As director and dean, Grace is responsible for managing myriad activities at University Center: planning, budgeting, marketing, staffing, technology, private fundraising and others.

Needless to say, attending meetings and speaking with others are requirements of his position.

"Meetings are kind of the coin of the realm in higher education," Grace said. "You can't really get much done without getting people together."

Since being appointed director, Grace has naturally settled into his administrative role. But that doesn't mean he's shuffling papers on a desk or looking for things to do.

"I am not a monitor," he said. "That's

not very appealing to me. Part of my attraction to this was that it was new. It was different. It was taking an idea and moving forward."

University Center takes shape

In 1996, University Center of Lake County took form under the name Multi-University.

At that time, the center – then housed at various Lake County locations – offered degrees from 12 colleges and universities. And it was managed by University of Illinois personnel.

Before long, however, Multi-University changed.

In 1998, the Illinois Board of Higher Education folded the academic enterprise into University Center of Lake County.

Within seven years, a permanent location for the center was found on the College of Lake County campus in Grayslake, and a 91,146-square-foot building was built. A site also was acquired in Waukegan.

Today, University Center is comprised of eight public and 10 private institutions that offer bachelor-completion, graduate and professional development programs.

Grace has been executive director and dean at the center since 2001.

"I think in many ways, I had broad exposure to the tangible duties I have here," Grace said of obtaining his position. "I have over 30 years' experience in higher education – both public and private."

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University Center of Lake County offers non-traditional classes

Getting to know ... G. Gary Grace

Age: 57

Profession: Executive director and dean at University Center of Lake County

Hometown: Lake Villa

Birthplace: Evansville, Ind.

Education: Bachelor of science and

master of science degrees from Illinois State University; doctorate in higher education
Family: Wife, Donna; a son; and two stepdaughters
Hobbies: Photography, cycling, cooking and reading



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That educational exposure is what allows Grace to fulfill his multifaceted role.

From one day to the next, he must be able to communicate with students, government officials and educators.

Grace also reports to and advises the University Center Governing Board, which consists of five community members, four institution representatives, one trustee from the CLC board and one University Center student.

Hilary Ward Schnadt, associate dean for academic serv-

ices and programs at University Center, has worked with Grace since 2002. Describing her first day on the job, she recalled Grace excitedly asking her to write a grant as soon as she got to the office.

"It was due in three weeks," she said with a laugh. "Nothing like hitting the ground running."

Ideal for non-traditional students, University Center has changed the lives of many people living in the Lake County area. Its location makes higher education more accessible.

"We're here for a reason," Grace said. "[University Center students] are folks that, for whatever reason, aren't tra-

ditional. You never know who you are going to help."

And University Center is just getting started.

The future

Last year, more than 5,000 people enrolled at University Center.

And in addition to taking weekday classes, students attended evening and weekend courses as well as online and interactive video sessions.

In fact, University Center hosts more than just teacher-led classes. The Grayslake facility also is used as a conference center and banquet hall.

Offering options is key, Grace said. The more the com-



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G. Gary Grace, executive director and dean at University Center of Lake County, discusses improvement ideas with College of Lake County representative Liliana Ware during a college night on Jan. 31.

munity has to choose from, the more it will undertake.

Kimberly Kreml, manager of conference services and facilities marketing at University Center, said Grace fully understands the potential of the center's resources.

"You clearly have to have the educational background to fulfill the degree part of our programs here," she said. "But you have to have an idea of the needs of a corporate center. [Grace's] job is to keep all of that happening. And it's not easy."

University Center is redefining what education means in Lake County. But more is still to come.

The center is continually expanding its program offerings. Currently, it provides more than 60 degree and program options in business, education, computer science, health care,

engineering, psychology, technology, liberal arts and sciences, human services and public administration, and library and information science.

Grace hopes the center will some day offer joint-degree programming, in which several institutions offer courses that comprise one entire degree or development program.

He said that would expand academic possibilities.

"Then we would be able to solve anything and be anything," he said. "It's beyond one university. It would take cooperation ... synergy."

For now, the executive director will continue keeping University Center of Lake County on its non-traditional track.

"This gives people opportunity," he said. "It's so very different."

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"We're here for a reason. [University Center students] are folks that, for whatever reason, aren't traditional."

You never know who you are going to help."

G. Gary Grace

Executive director and dean at University Center of Lake County

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Kirk Morris (far right) hunts for pheasant at the McCullom Lake Hunt Club in Hebron with Lance Cpl. Florentino Aguirre and Lance Cpl. Anthony Wilcheski. Morris started the Heroes of Freedom Foundation after his son, Pfc. Geoffrey Morris, was killed in action in Iraq in 2004.

Stepping forward for those overseas

After losing a son in action, father works to help families of those who have fallen

By EMILY PREVITI
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OAK LAWN — Aimee Pierog smiles at her fiancé of three years. They sit together in the basement of her parents' home. The slight young woman looks like a typical college student: weary-eyed, bare-faced, ponytailed, and clad in a sweater and jeans. She goes to school part time to free hours to spend with her groom-to-be. It is not tunnel-visioned puppy love that prompted the decision, but maturity atypical of a 21-year-old.

Pierog and her mother have

the full-time charge of caring for Aimee's fiancé, Lance Cpl. Yuriy Zmysly, of Lake Zurich. The 22-year-old has been wheelchair-bound since January 2006, when appendicitis prompted surgery at Cherry Point Naval Hospital, N.C. During the procedure, Zmysly suffered oxygen deprivation.

Now, between 45-minute trips to physical therapy appointments, Zmysly remains in a hospital bed, as fellow Marines watch over him from photographs on the wall. Zmysly, who served 9 months in Iraq and 11 in Afghanistan, can't shower with-

Getting to know ... Kirk Morris

Age: 49

Profession: Sales manager, Northern Pipe Products (PVC and HDPE sewer and water pipe)

Hometown: Gurnee

Birthplace: Palatine

Education: Bachelor's degree in politics and economics, University of Illinois; some study toward master's degree in business administration

Family: Married; six children, Geoffrey, 22; Jennifer, 20; Lauren, 17; Taylor, 16; Austin, 15; Dylan, 9

Hobbies: Golf, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors, canoeing, reading, being involved — making a difference

out help. His hands are contracted; his eyes, vacant. He communicates with nods.

"It takes a long time," Pierog said of Zmysly's rehabilitation.

"But he does something new every day."

Zmysly emigrated from Ukraine at age 9.

His parents are deceased; his

brother is in prison.

Kirk Morris looks on, talking with Pierog's mother and Eric Schuler, policy adviser to Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn. Across Morris' back, "U.S. Marines" stands out in gold and red against his black leather jacket.

Morris, of Gurnee, has traveled 60 miles to make life easier for Zmysly through improvements to his new home on Kolmar Avenue.

Such projects account for part of the focus of the Heroes of Freedom Foundation. Morris started the nonprofit agency after his 19-year-old son Geoffrey, Marine private first class, was killed in action in Iraq in 2004.

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Freedom of Heroes provides assistance for relatives of soldiers

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The foundation supports veterans and their relatives, as well as those who have lost loved ones to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

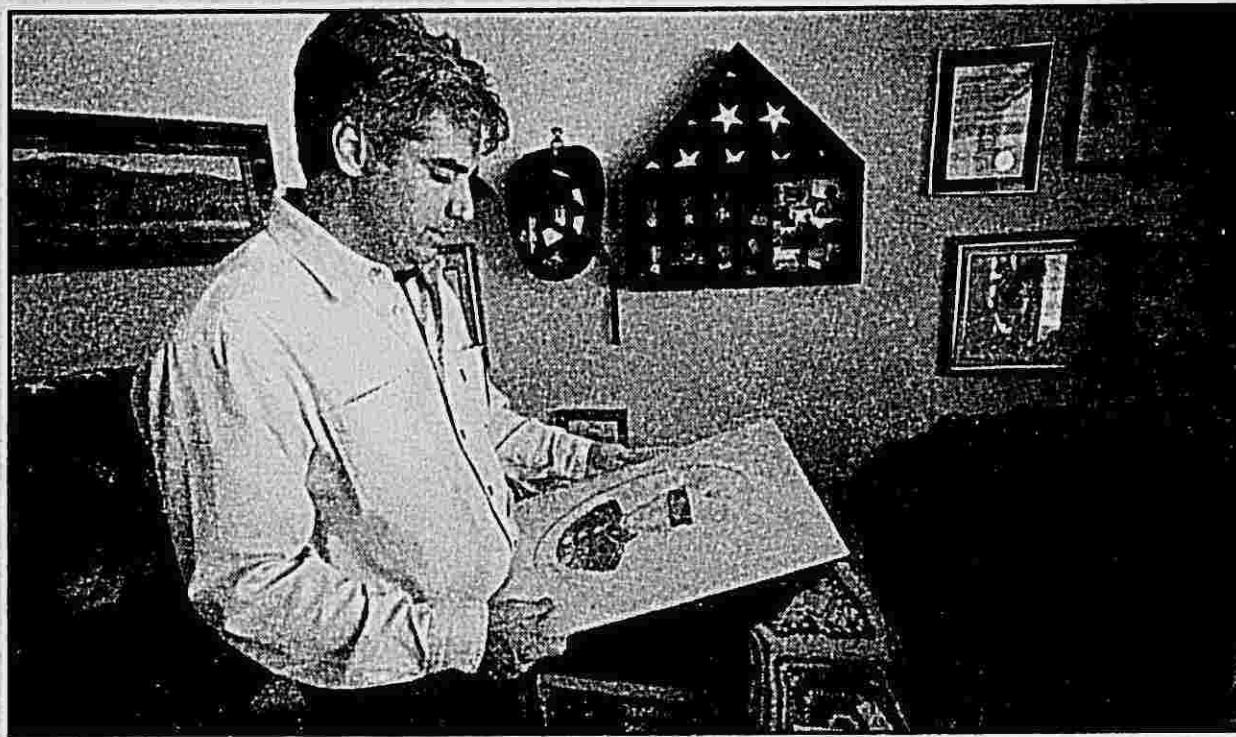
"I did not realize that vacuum existed until after Geoff was killed," Morris said. "There weren't enough people stepping forward ... so we have."

After a 90-minute visit on a recent Monday, Morris determined that improvements – an enlarged bathroom and sheltered ramp – will take a pair of volunteers about a week to complete – free of charge. The project's \$9,000 price tag would have prevented the family from going through with it, Pierog said.

Morris' foundation and the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund provide money for renovations, according to Marty Smith, commandant of the Marine Corps League Lake County Detachment 801.

Those projects will ultimately be complemented by a land trust to build homes for severely wounded veterans throughout Illinois, Morris explained.

The foundation has also been working toward building the Heroes of Freedom Memorial at 4580 Old Grand Ave., in Gurnee.



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Kirk Morris holds a drawing taken from a photograph of his son, Pfc. Geoffrey Morris, in a room Kirk has dedicated to Geoffrey. Geoffrey was killed in action in Iraq in 2004.

Libertyville artist Cindy Seng has donated her time to help Morris translate his vision into a sculpture. The memorial will portray three casualty officers – military representatives who counsel families after a relative has died in action – and a field monument.

Bricks, which people can buy and have inscribed with messages honoring troops, will pave the way for visitors to get a closer look at the monument. Flags, al-

ready flying, will encircle the monument.

Of more than 130 Illinois residents killed in action, 13 had Lake County addresses, according to Operation Home Front. At least six had known ties to Gurnee.

"It hits home when there are so many [fallen troops] from our area," said Seng, whose sons played football with Geoff and deceased Marine Lance Cpl. Sean Maher, of Grayslake.

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I don't know how I could have been so blind to the needs ... but sometimes there's a window opened when a big door slam[s] on you.

Kirk Morris

Founder of Freedom of Heroes Foundation

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The foundation has raised more than \$200,000 toward construction, which will not end until the conflict does. Completion will require \$250,000 more, Morris estimated.

Events, such as yearly fishing tournaments and celebrity golf outings, raise money for the foundation.

In addition to running Heroes, Morris works full time. He has recently assumed control of Cub Scout Pack 677, too.

Seng dubbed Morris "tireless" and "amazing," but Morris said he knows his limits, citing the importance of delegation.

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Rob Carmichael, of Mundelein, carefully removes a venomous black Pakistan cobra from its cage at the Wildlife Discovery Center, which he founded in 1996, in Lake Forest.

A warm heart for cold-blooded animals

Childhood passion leads to a lifelong love for wildlife

By DANI SCHWEIGERT

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It is a typical Friday morning for Rob Carmichael. He sits behind a table, listening and debating with his staff during a weekly meeting.

While that might seem like a normal office situation, the nearby glass cages filled with a snapping turtle, a rhinoceros iguana and other reptiles give the impression that this is no ordinary business — it is the Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest, founded by

Carmichael.

When Mundelein resident Carmichael was 4 years old, he discovered he was allergic to his pet gerbil. His doctor told him to buy a reptile instead of a mammal, and Carmichael's lifelong love of herpetology was born. Carmichael and his twin brother, Chris, quickly gathered a collection of reptiles.

And Carmichael recalled a lesson they learned as their collection increased.

"We discovered you can't stack heavy aquariums on bookshelves," he said with a laugh.

Getting to know ... Rob Carmichael

Age: 43

Profession: Curator, Wildlife Discovery Center; part-time teacher of wildlife ecology/biology at Trinity University, Deerfield

Hometown: Mundelein

Birthplace: Evanston, Ill.

Education: Working on a Ph.D. in herpetology (focusing on behavioral patterns of the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake); M.S. degree in environmental education/biology from George Williams College in Aurora; B.S. degree in biology from Elmhurst College; A.S. degree in biology from College of Lake County

Family: Wife, Toni; daughters Ofelia, 13, and Carolina, 12; rottweilers, Boris, 2, and Sadie, 7, along with many reptiles

Hobbies: Herping (looking for and photographing reptiles and amphibians in the wild); falconry; camping and hiking; playing squash and racquetball competitively; played baseball professionally for an unaffiliated minor league team in Windsor, Ontario

"We had the crash of all crashes one day."

But what started as a childhood hobby developed into a

passion that Carmichael turned into a career. In 1996, he established the Wildlife Discovery Center, a facility he described as



a zoo, nature center and museum wrapped into one.

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Wildlife Discovery Center teaches children lessons of conservation

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He is now curator of the facility.

Carmichael said it was while he attended College of Lake County that he realized he could pursue herpetology as a job. One of his professors, Dr. Michael Corn, inspired him by taking him into the field to look for reptiles.

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I wanted to mentor young children and watch them develop and pursue careers in the field.

Rob Carmichael

Curator of Wildlife Discovery Center

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And now Carmichael is the one instilling a love of wildlife in children through programs at the Wildlife Discovery

Meet some of the animals

- Puff adder
- Gaboon viper (This snake was found in a dumpster in Chicago.)
- Jameson's mamba (This snake's previous owner attempted to defang it, and the Wildlife Discovery Center rehabilitated it. Carmichael said he is particularly attached to this snake because of the long hours he spent nursing it back to health.)
- King cobra
- Mussaranas
- About 30 rattlesnakes (Carmichael said, to his knowledge, the Wildlife Discovery Center has the largest public display of rattlesnakes in the U.S.)
- Blanding's turtle
- Harris' hawk and red-tailed hawk
- Great Horned owl and a screech owl
- Black-throated monitor

* For more information about the Wildlife Discovery Center, visit www.thegrassistrattling.com, www.cityoflakeforest.com/cs/rec/cs_rec2d2.htm, or call (847) 615-4388. The Wildlife Discovery Center is at 1401 Middlefork Drive, in Lake Forest.

Center, which is part of the city of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Department.

“I wanted to mentor young children and watch them develop and pursue careers in the field,” he said. “The programs are providing another outlet to make kids feel that they're a part of something special.”

Carmichael said the facility

offers conservation classes, preschool classes, after school programs, middle school classes and school field trips.

One program Carmichael is most proud of, however, is Reptile Rampage, an annual exhibition that teaches the public about reptiles.

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Rob Carmichael, of Mundelein, cradles an albino Burmese python at the Wildlife Discovery Center, which he founded in 1996, in Lake Forest.

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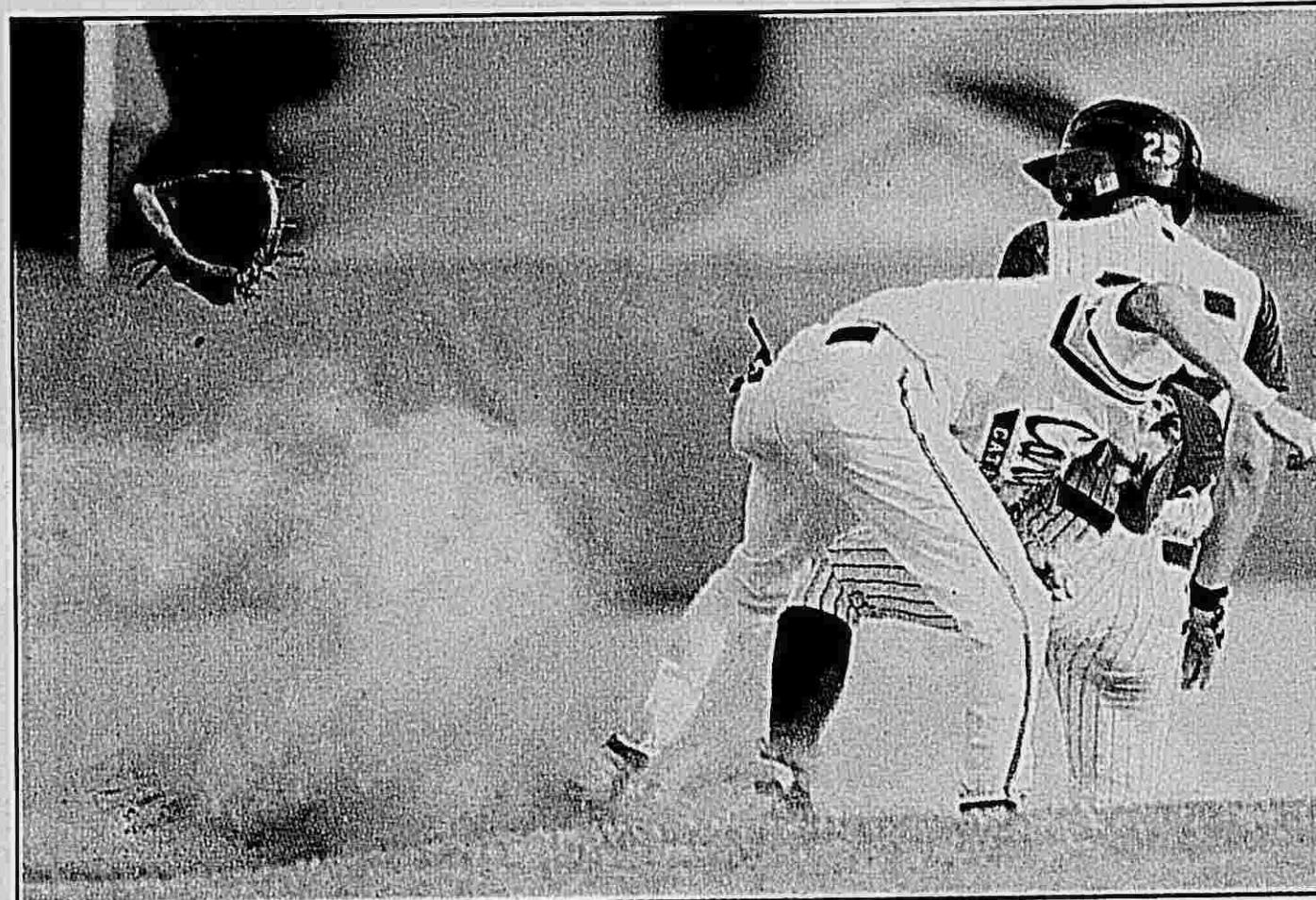
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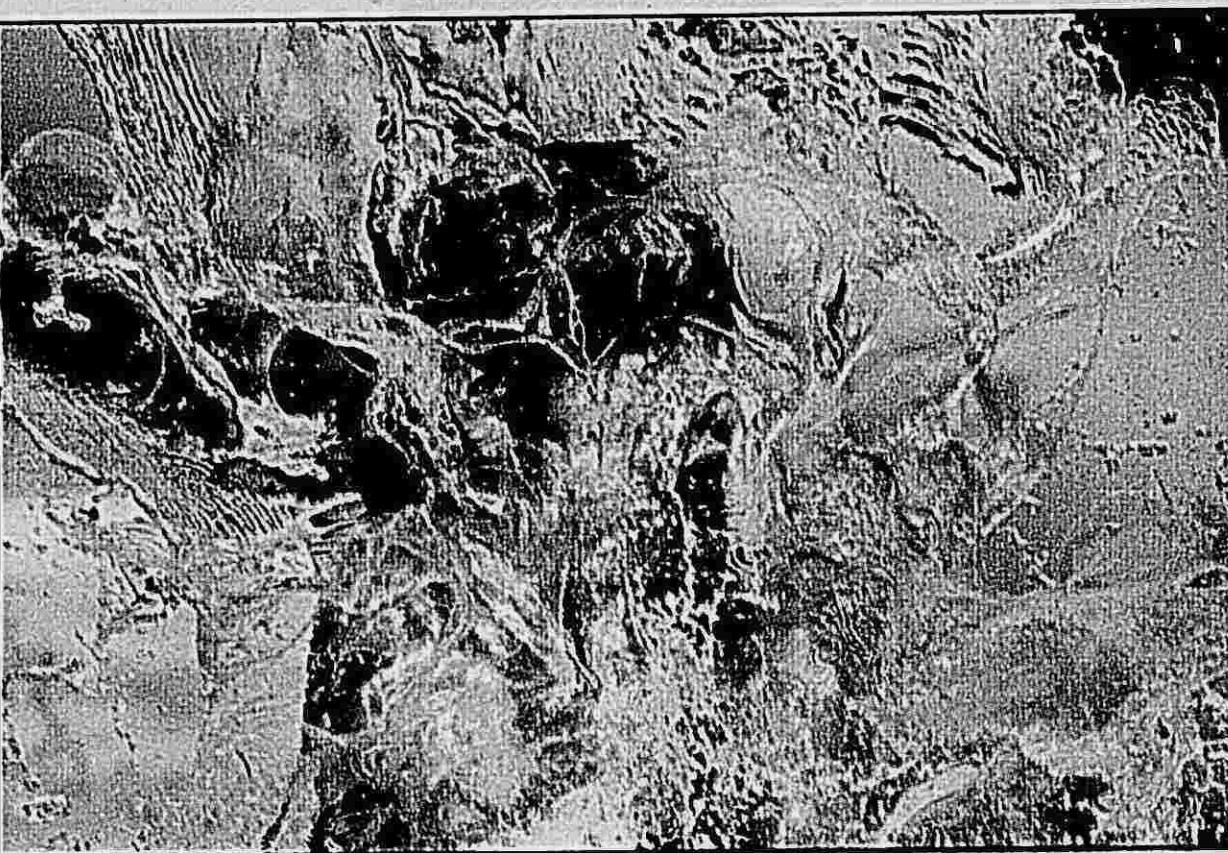
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Carmel's Sean McCreary's glove flies away after being kicked by Grayslake's Brett Miller, who slid safely into second base during the Sectional semifinal at Mundelein High School. Grayslake won 8-1.

Ariana Gonzales, 5, plays with pouring water on opening day of the Round Lake Area Park District Pool.

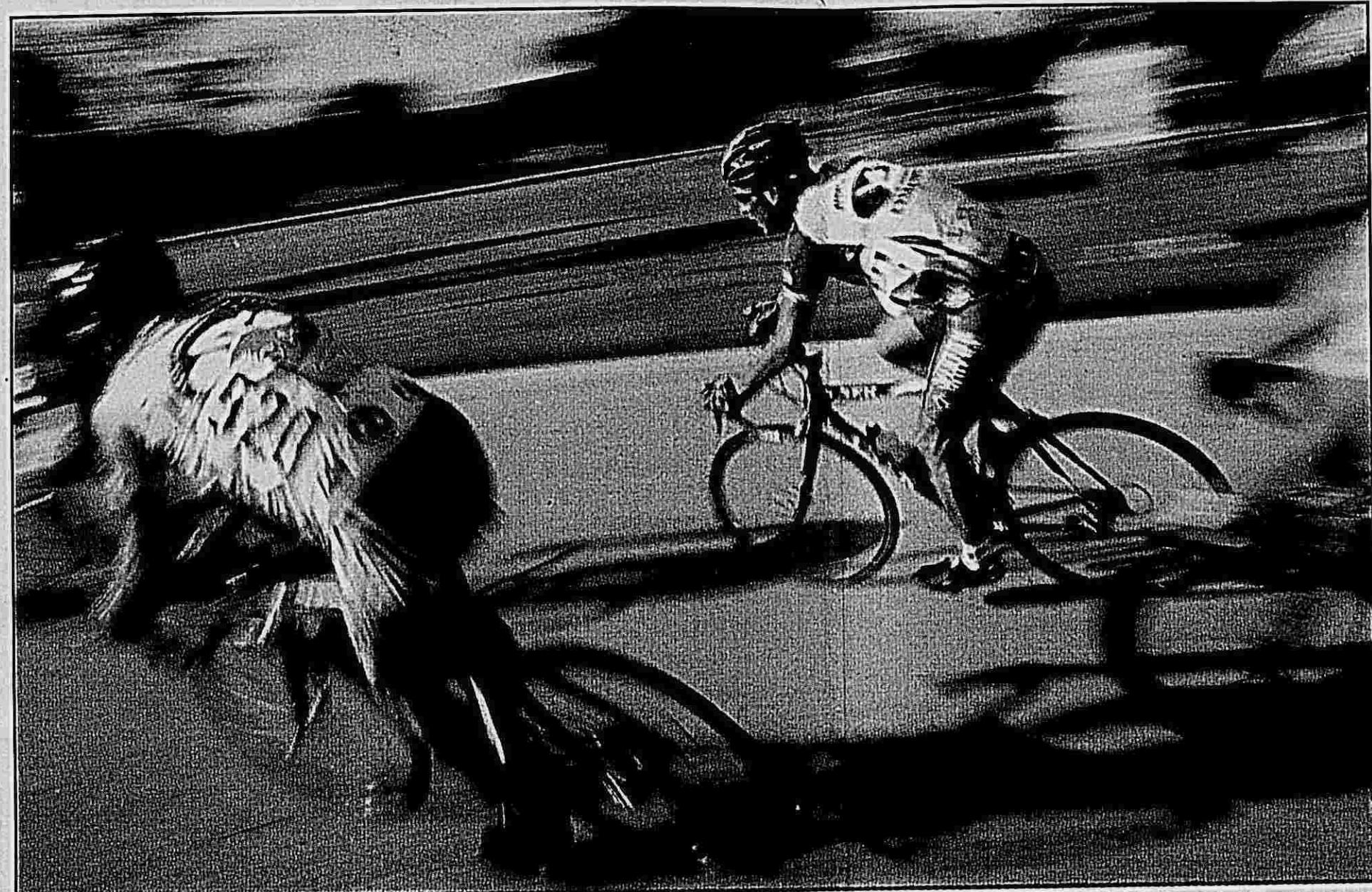


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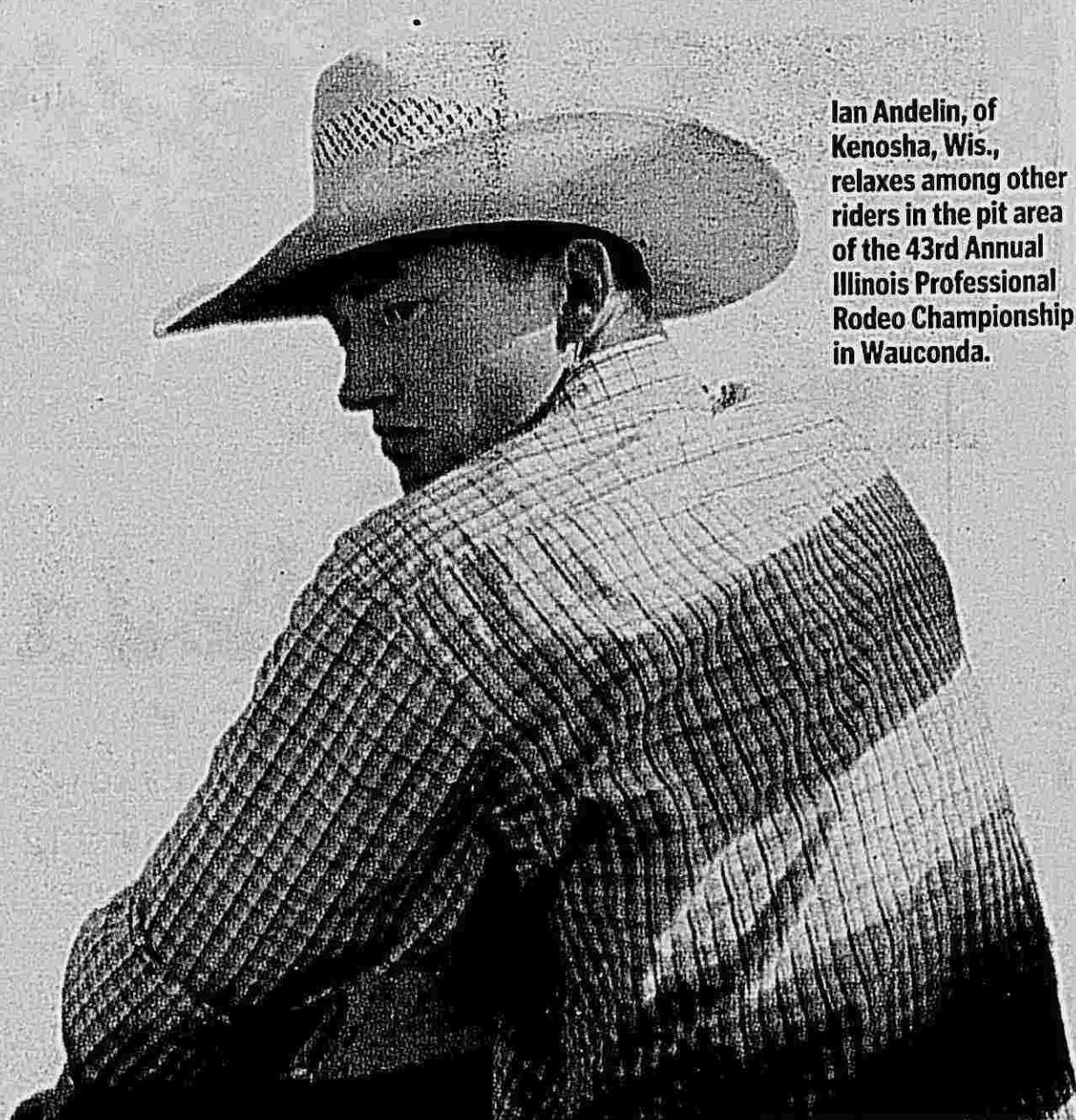


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Seven-year-old Austin Anderson, of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., watches over the pigs in the swine barn during the 2006 Lake County Fair in Grayslake.

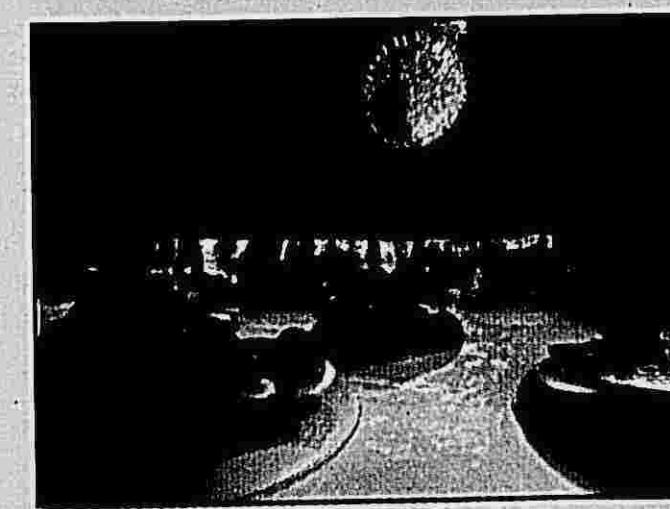
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Cyclists in the Category 5 race compete against each other during the inaugural Grayslake Cycling Classic at Prairie Crossing in Grayslake.



Ian Andelin, of Kenosha, Wis., relaxes among other riders in the pit area of the 43rd Annual Illinois Professional Rodeo Championship in Wauconda.



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Spectators watch the fireworks above the Aquatic Center in Grayslake.



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Referees for Grant's homecoming football game against Wauconda take shelter after a small storm passed through Fox Lake. The game resumed and Grant High School won 29-21.

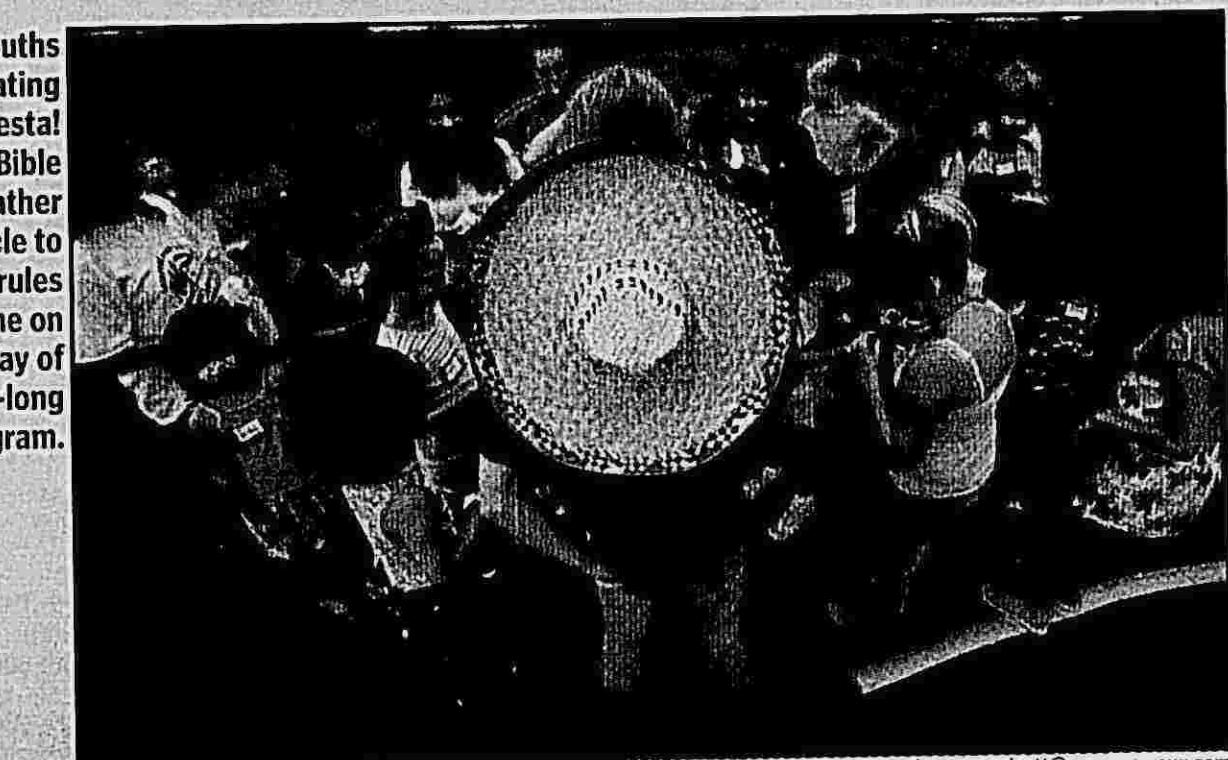


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Lia Taglia, 2, cries as she is carried away by Stephanie Olson after making a mess of plastic cups that were stuck in a fence to celebrate the Lakeland Cardinals' homecoming at Grant Township.



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30 top-ranked C Scow sailors face-off in a best-of-five race during the 2006 C Blue Chip Regatta, which took place at Pistakee Yacht Club in Johnsburg.



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Youths participating in the Fiestal Vacation Bible School gather in a circle to learn the rules of a game on the last day of the week-long program.

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MORRIS

Family effort makes volunteer work of Gurnee man successful

• MORRIS

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Heroes of Freedom networks with other organizations, like Heart of a Marine. But sometimes he gets help at home.

Lauren Morris – Loey to her dad – said she shares a close, laughter-laden relationship with her father. Lauren, who created the foundation's Web site, said she assists her dad with his volunteer work.

"I like the fact they did it not just for my brother, but all the soldiers that have died around our area," she said.

One cannot cross the threshold of the Morrises' bright and spacious home without encountering reminders that Geoffrey fought and died for the United States. The room next to the front door contains Geoffrey's belongings. Pictures and a gold star banner with his name hang beside the dining room table.

"Kirk is the go-to person in Illinois for any of the families of the fallen," Commandant Smith said. "He helps guide them."

Snow covers Morris' backyard. But when it melts in the spring, a memorial garden will bloom.

"These kids do these things for millions of people they will never know," Morris said. "Some people say it's stupid young exuberance, but I know these kids personally. They know exactly what they're getting into. If they can do that, why can't I stand forward and do something?"

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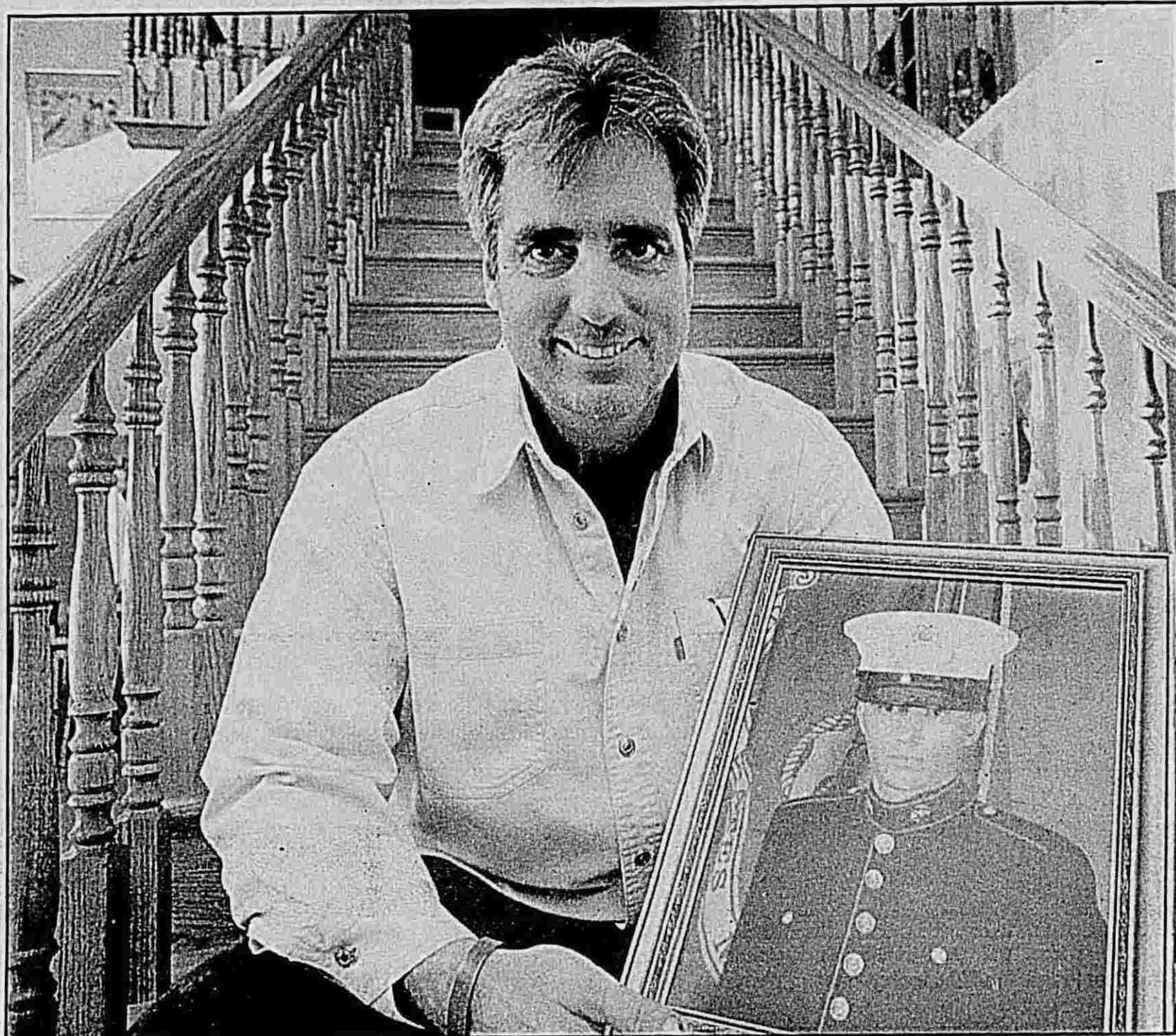
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Kirk Morris holds a photograph of his son, Pfc. Geoffrey Morris. Geoffrey, a graduate of Warren Township High School, was killed in action in Iraq in 2004. Kirk established the Heroes of Freedom Foundation, which raises funds to support the Heroes of Freedom war memorial in Gurnee.

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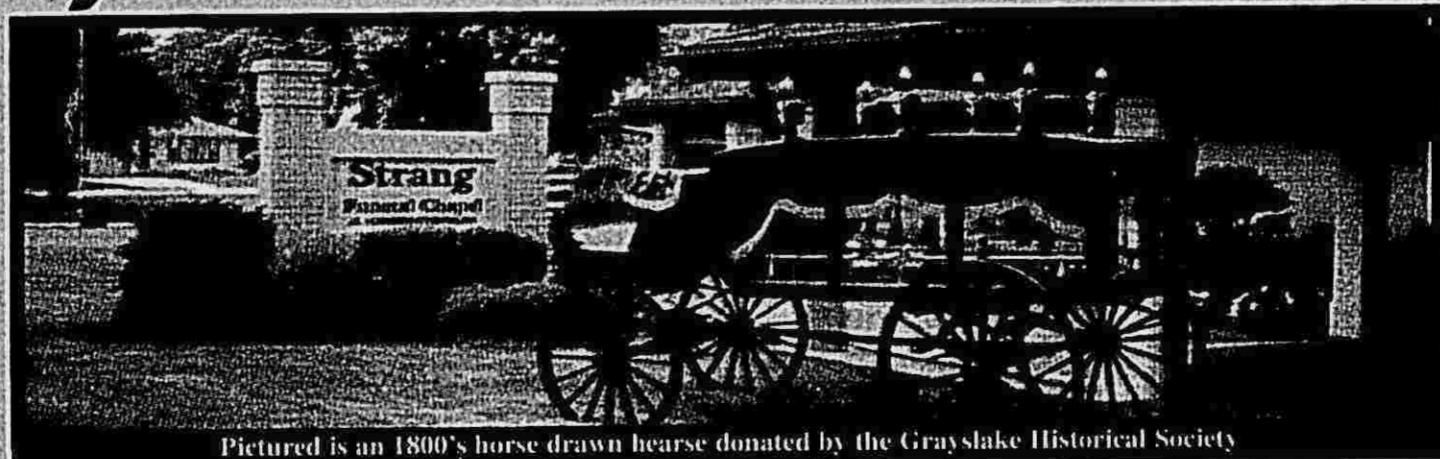
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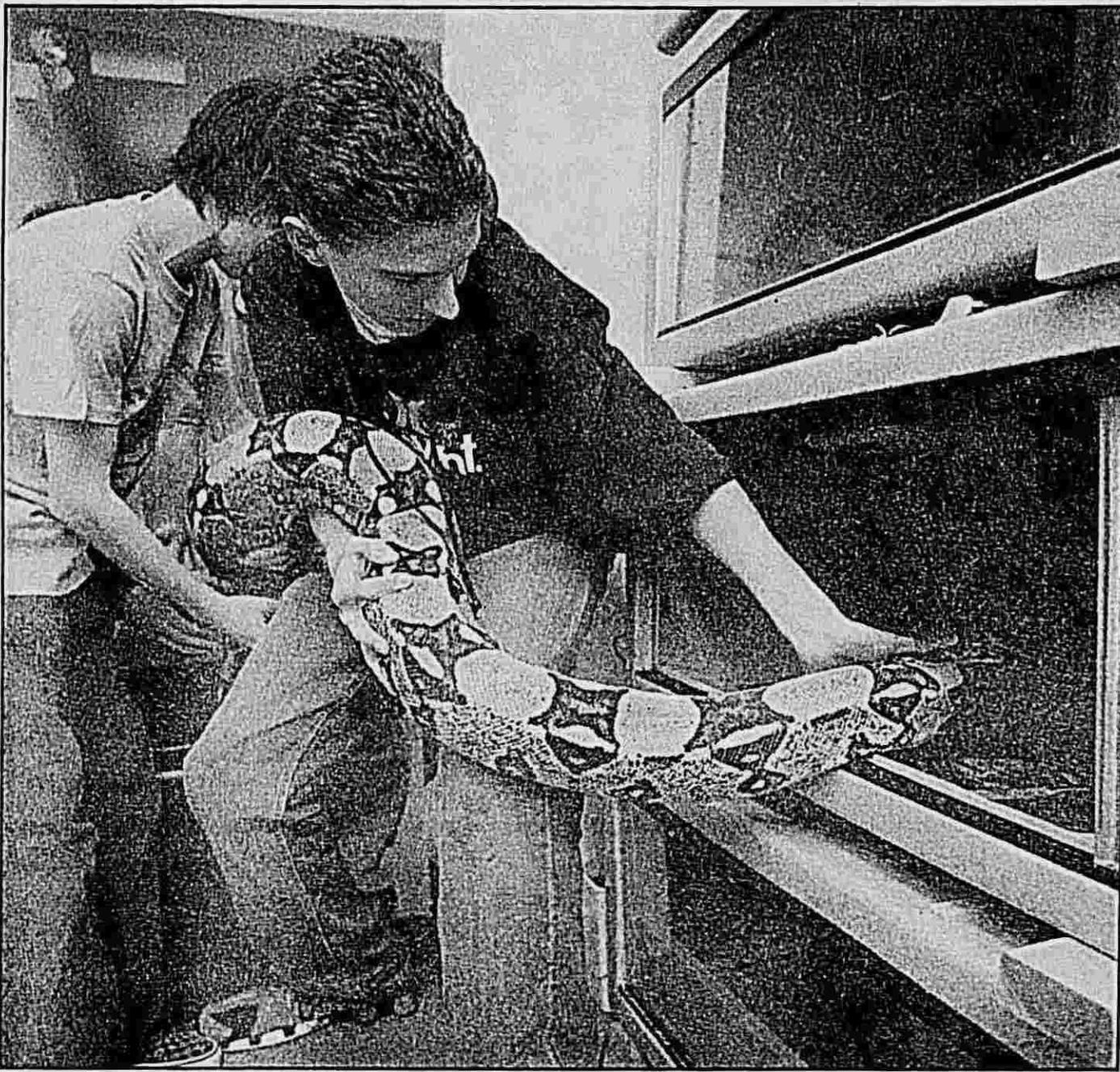
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Connor Ventling and Bijan Parandeh, both 14, help a boa constrictor back into its cage at the Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest. The center was founded by Mundelein resident Rob Carmichael in 1996.

Elawa farm a perfect paradise

• CARMICHAEL

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This year's event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 4 at the Lake Forest Recreation Center, 400 Hastings Road, in Lake Forest.

"I see how much we as a society have changed," he said. "People have gotten so far removed from nature, and I want to reconnect people and slow down the pace of life."

One way Carmichael reconnects children to the outdoors is by taking them to Beaver Island, Mich. That trip is the highlight of his year, he said.

"A whole new world opens up to them," he explained.

Although Carmichael loves to see people enthusiastic about reptiles, he is sensitive toward those who have a fear of those animals.

"I can understand where they're coming from," he said. "It can be a little alarming when you see reptiles for the first time, but it's through our programs that people slowly warm up to these cold-blooded animals."

Working with Rob to teach the public about reptiles is Lindy Van Vlissingen, naturalist and group coordinator for the Wildlife

Discovery Center. Van Vlissingen became involved with the center about 10 years ago after her daughter went on the Beaver Island trip with Carmichael. She also served on the Lake Forest Recreation Board with him.

"His exuberance is infectious," Van Vlissingen said of Carmichael's love for reptiles. "When he's excited about something, everyone gets excited."

And the Wildlife Discovery Center, at Elawa Farm, 1401 Middlefork Drive, seems to be the perfect place for the public to share in Carmichael's enthusiasm.

Historic brick buildings dot the farm, providing a home for the facility's many animals. The open Middlefork Savanna behind the center sets a pristine scene and provides a place to look for reptiles. And the gravel driveways that lead to the facility give it a clean, inviting look.

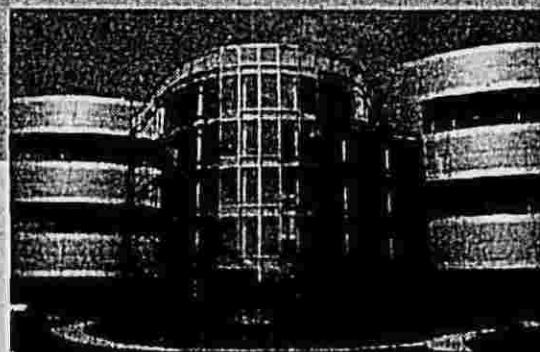
"We moved to Elawa Farm in 2003, and I couldn't think of a better place to have a wildlife center," Carmichael said. "We are a place people can go to locally, and it's free to the public. We like to roll out the red carpet for everyone who comes here."

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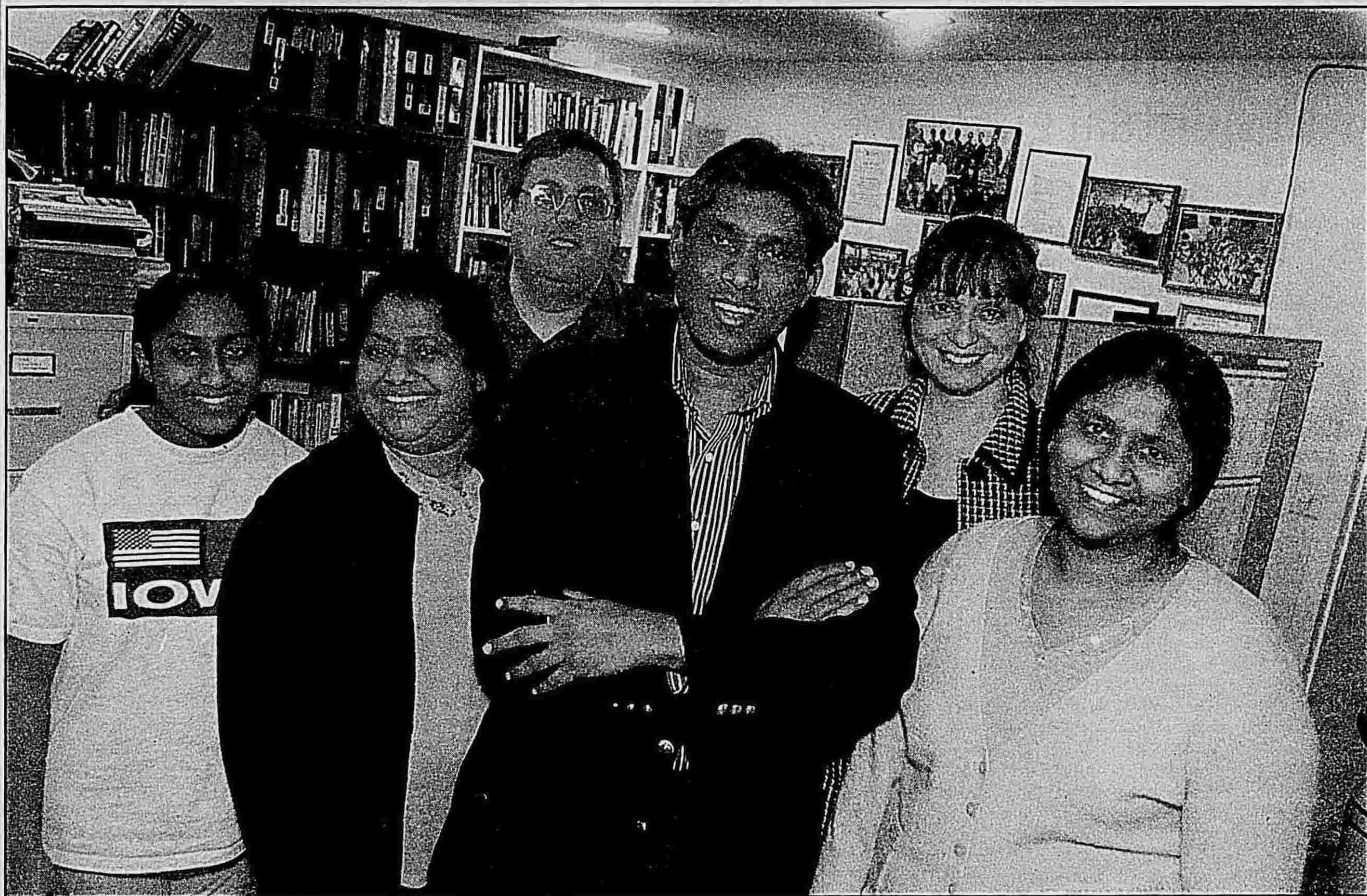
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The Rev. Saji Lukos (center), along with his daughter, Maryann Lukos, wife Moni Lukos, Richard Smithers, Laura Grimaldi and Susan Smithers, currently run the Reaching Indians Ministries International from the basement of the Lukoses' Round Lake Beach home. RIMI hopes to move its headquarters to the former Lindenhurst Civic Center.

Resident creates a higher light

Round Lake Beach's Saji Lukos' ministry seeks to help Indians across the world

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Many people spend most of their lives searching for a singular meaning, a mission that will fuel them. For Round Lake Beach's Saji Lukos, that mission came to him in 1993.

After a lucrative career teaching business in India, Lukos moved to America, where he studied theology at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill. In 1993, he

went back to India and was moved by what he saw.

During a recent interview, Lukos said he saw a little boy, wearing nothing more than dirty rags, carrying a bucket and broom with him, brushing the floor. As the boy worked past Lukos, he asked Lukos for coins.

Lukos said he was moved by the boy's need. Less than a year later, he founded Reaching Indians Ministry International.

"Who will change the

Getting to Know ... Saji Lukos

Age: 47

Profession: Founder, president of Reaching Indians Ministries International (RIMI)

Hometown: Round Lake Beach

Birthplace: Kerala, India

Education: Master's degree in business, master of divinity, both from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield

Family: Wife, Moni; daughter, Maryann;

Hobbies: Golf, biking



commit to "compassion services," like the construction of orphanages in India's most impoverished areas.

After just 13 years of operation from the basement of Lukos' home in Round Lake Beach, RIMI has more than 980 church planters (people who start their own churches in India), more than 4,000 house churches in 24 states, and 22 Bible schools with more than 850 students, according to the RIMI Web site.

According to his employees, what RIMI has done in just 13 years speaks to Lukos' dedication.

poverty of India?" Lukos said in a previous interview. "The good people will take care of India."

Good people like Lukos and the rest of his RIMI staff have dedicated themselves to taking care of India.

RIMI was built around three goals: build Christian churches throughout India, develop leaders for those churches, and

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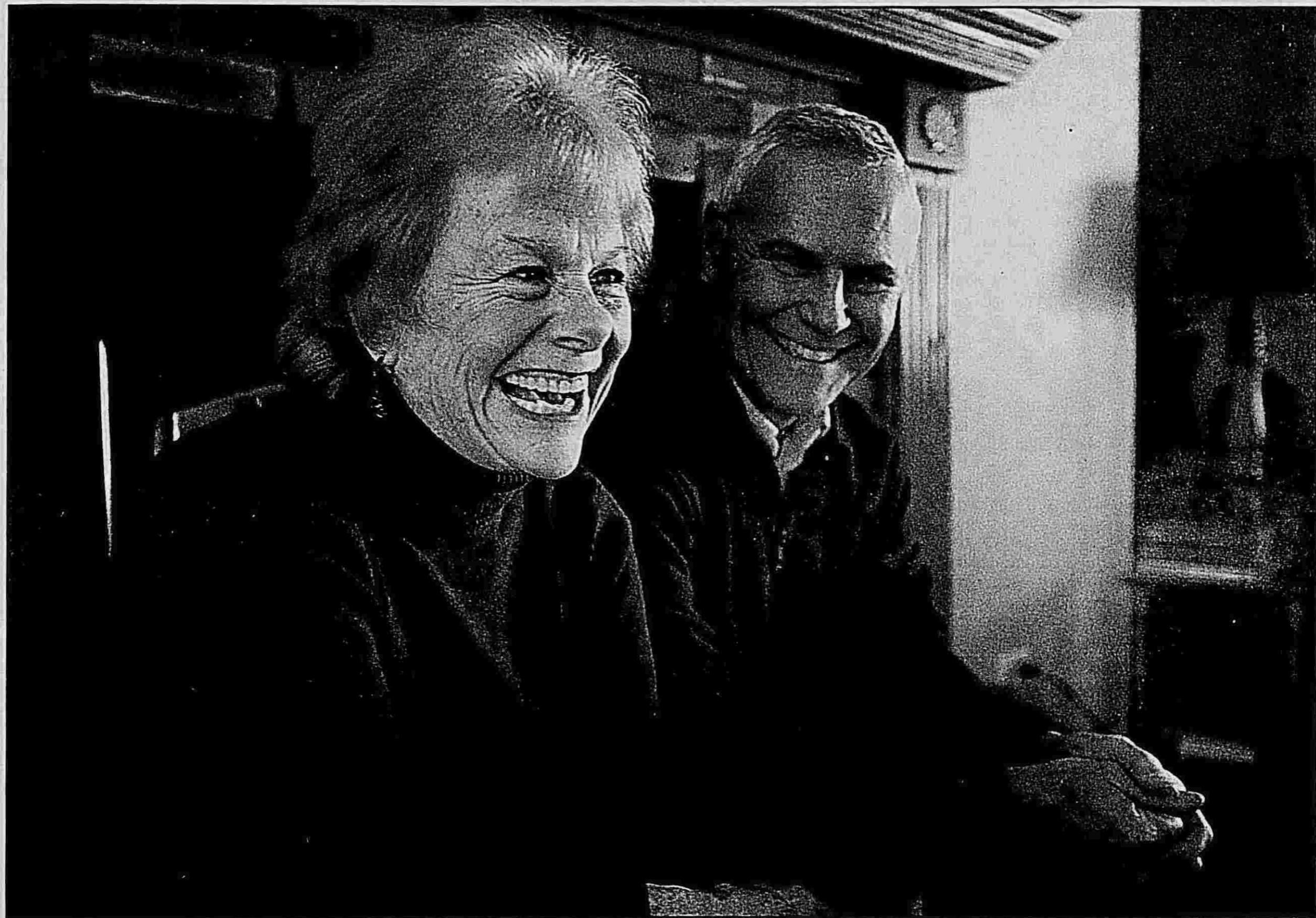
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Peanut's is a 5K run or 2-mile roll or stroll to support the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists - AAIM. It also raises funds for the Peanut Scholarship Fund, an annual award to a graduating student from Wauconda High School. All that is done in memory of Theresa, a 1996 graduate of Wauconda High.

"She loved it here," Cathy said.

This June 16 will be the seventh annual Peanut's walk. It will also be the last year the Stanleys will be in charge of the walk.

There are many reasons for

Getting to know ... Cathy and Chet Stanley

Ages: Cathy, 64; Chet, 65

Profession: Cathy, counselor; Chet, mechanical engineer

Hometown: Wauconda

Birthplace: Both Chicago

Education: Cathy, Chicago Teachers College certification as an addictions counselor; Chet, degree from Illinois Institute of Technology, master's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Family: Seven children

Hobbies: Cathy, gardening; Chet, woodworking, genealogy and stained glass



that decision.

"Seven was her number," Cathy said. "It was kind of her magic number."

Theresa was the Stanleys'

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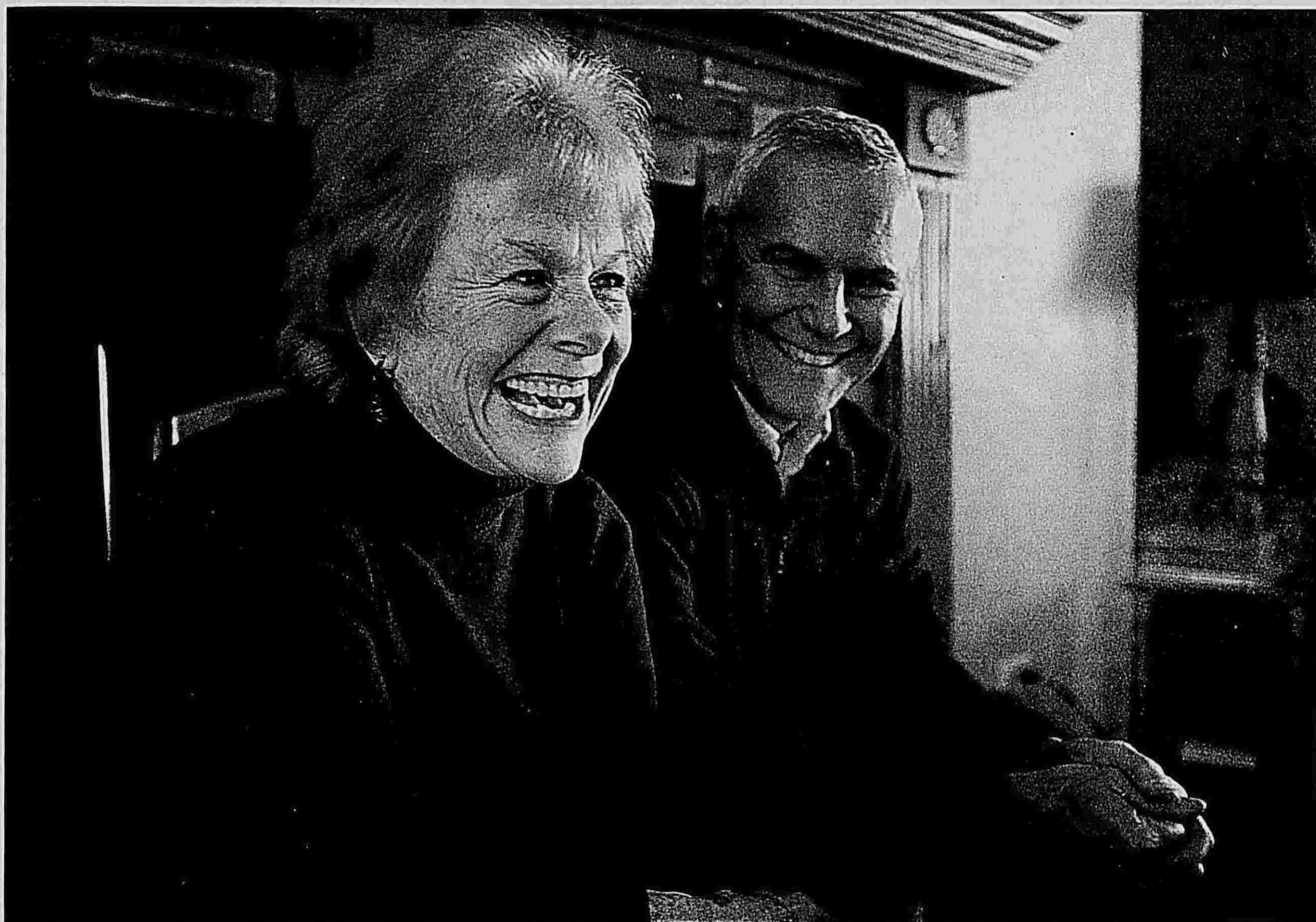
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Peanut's is a 5K run or 2-mile roll or stroll to support the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists - AAIM. It also raises funds for the Peanut Scholarship Fund, an annual award to a graduating student from Wauconda High School. All that is done in memory of Theresa, a 1996 graduate of Wauconda High.

"She loved it here," Cathy said.

This June 16 will be the seventh annual Peanut's walk. It will also be the last year the Stanleys will be in charge of the walk.

There are many reasons for

Getting to know ... Cathy and Chet Stanley

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Profession: Cathy, counselor; Chet, mechanical engineer

Hometown: Wauconda

Birthplace: Both Chicago

Education: Cathy, Chicago Teachers College certification as an addictions counselor; Chet, degree from Illinois Institute of Technology, master's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Family: Seven children

Hobbies: Cathy, gardening; Chet, woodworking, genealogy and stained glass



that decision.

"Seven was her number," Cathy said. "It was kind of her magic number."

Theresa was the Stanleys'

seventh child, she had seven letters in her name, and she was born on July 7, 1978.

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Couple pass Peanut's Walk to Rotary Club, remain involved

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"So we thought this would be a good year to end," Cathy said.

But the Rotary Club of Wauconda did not want to see the event end, so local Rotarians will organize the walk in future years.

The Stanleys, while volunteering with CERT, were approached by John Cargill and Bob Cook of the Rotary Club about Peanut's Walk. The men expressed interest in the walk and what it meant for Wauconda.

"One of the biggest things we do is community service-type projects," said Jim Radtke, treasurer of Wauconda Rotary Club.

The Stanleys will still be involved with Peanut's Walk; they just won't be doing the planning.

"It's like planning a wedding every year," Cathy said of the work that goes into the event.

The Stanleys said one of the best parts is the day of the event is that family members come together.

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"They all come in and they help out setting up," Chet said. "So the day of, setting up is kind of a fun event."

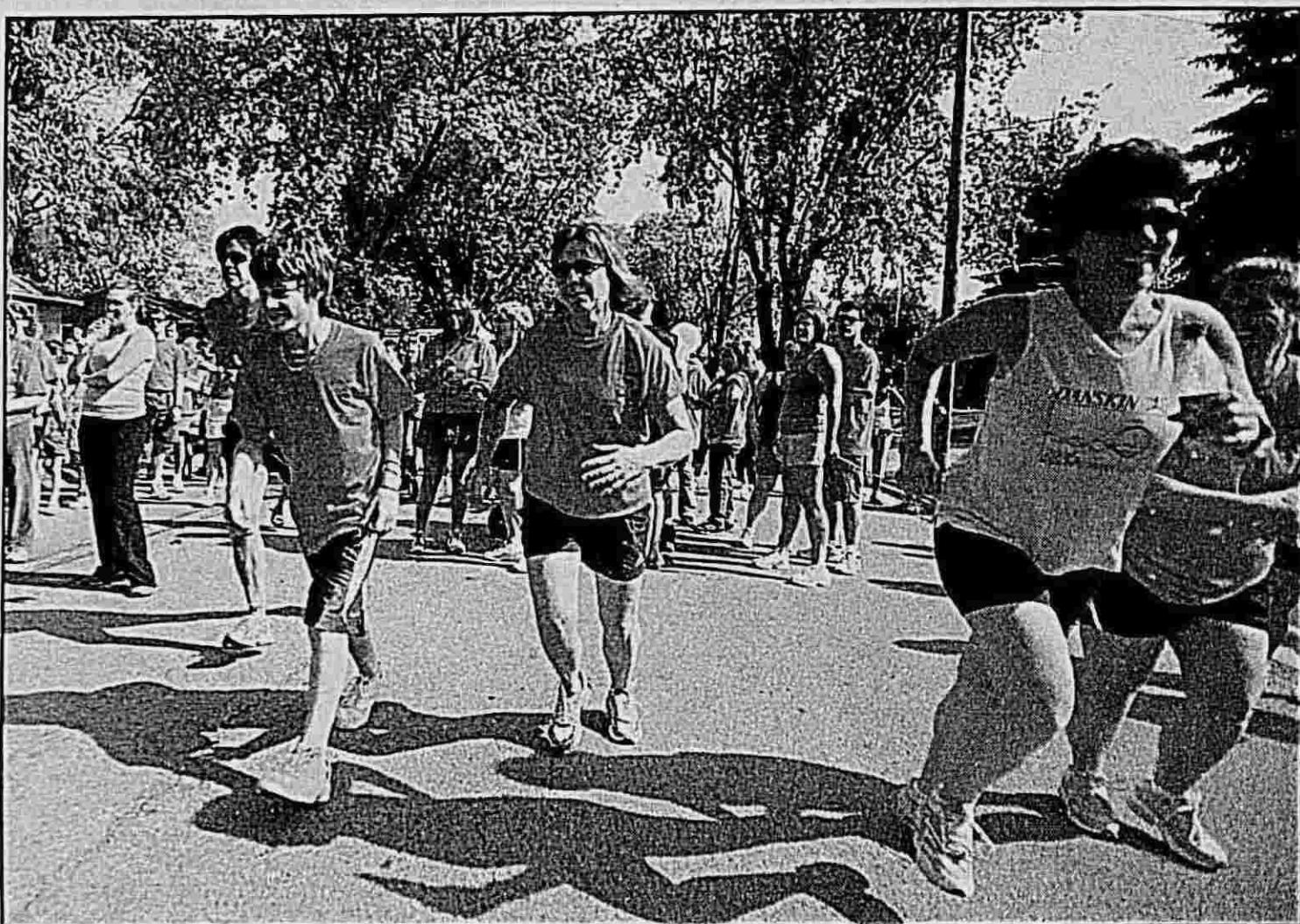
"We're still going to be involved with it, just hopefully we'll cut down."

Chet said the walk has raised up to \$12,000 for the Peanut's scholarship and about \$40,000 for AAIM, a Schaumburg-based organization that assists victims of drunken drivers.

The Stanleys said AAIM was a natural partner.

"We felt that going with AAIM and helping victims was more for us," Chet said.

"Because we are victims," Cathy added.



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Walkers and runners begin the Walk for Life in June 2006 in Wauconda. The annual event takes place in memory of Theresa Stanley, who was killed in a Wisconsin car accident by a drunken driver.

In addition to their work with CERT and Peanut's Walk, Cathy and Chet have volunteered at local schools to speak about drunken driving.

"It's still really hard to do, but I think it's important," Cathy

said. "If you watch [the students] during the crash, they are joking around, ...But when we talk, it gets really quiet."

Even though reliving the situation can be hard, Cathy said, she has developed a self-awareness.

"I'm an addictions counselor, and I think that's where my understanding comes from," she said.

Part of that understanding is knowing the effect it can have on people, she said.

"When we talk at the school, I talk about that, the after-effects," Cathy said.

But Cathy's volunteer efforts don't end there. She also runs a

program with Wauconda High School called First Look. The program is for students who have received their first school suspension, which lasts 10 days.

Through Cathy's program, a student can have the suspension time reduced to five days.

As part of the program, she goes into a student's home and does an evaluation. On Saturdays she takes kids to a homeless shelter to have them volunteer.

Cathy charges \$50 for the program. A portion of the proceeds goes toward Peanut's Walk.

"I just think it's really important," she said. "Everybody makes mistakes."



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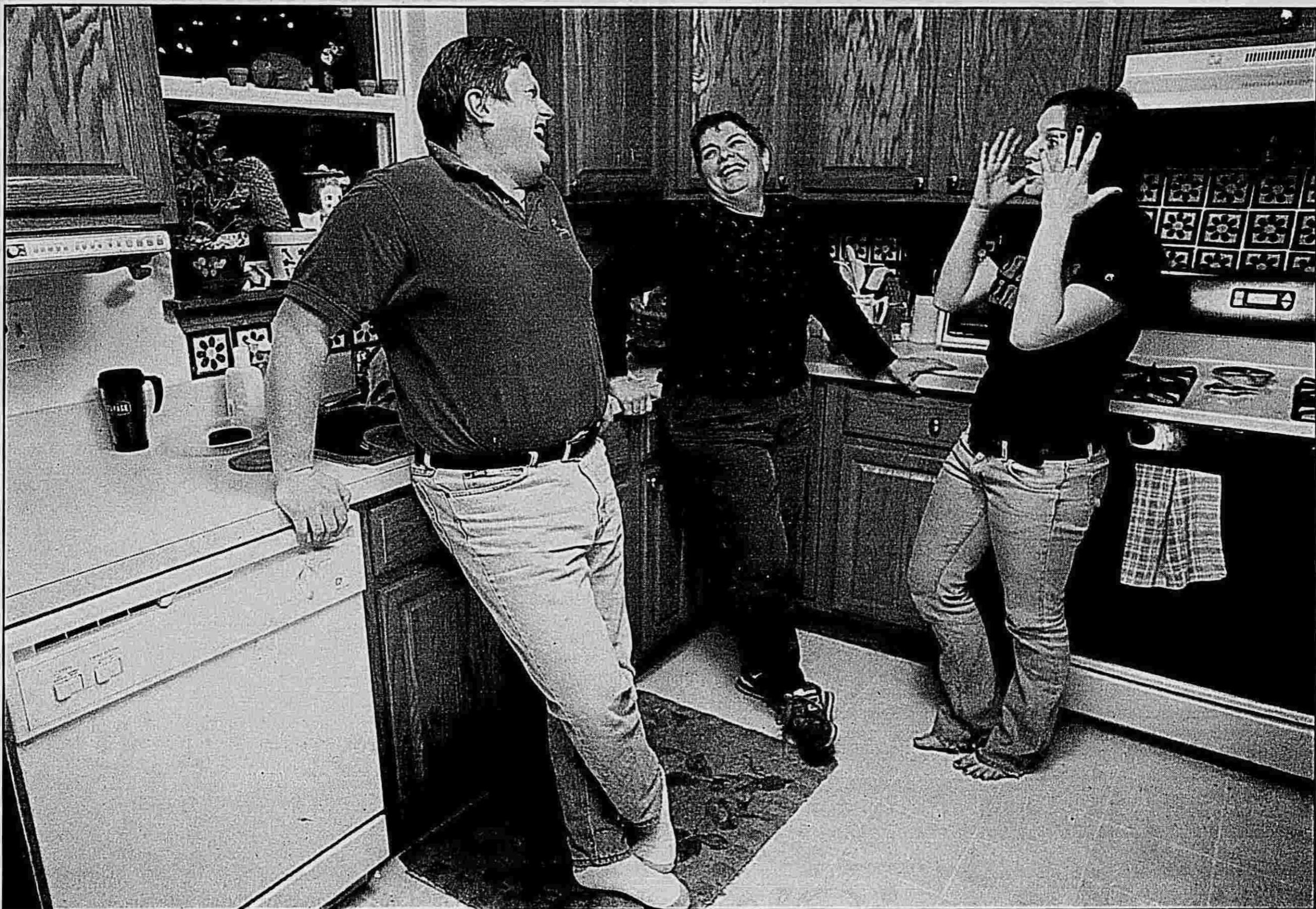
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Round Lake Village Board President Bill Gentes, who also is the chairman of the Route 120 Corridor Planning Council, jokes with his wife, Chris, and daughter, Denise, in the kitchen of their home.

Village board president looks to future

Elected official gives public an inside view with online blogging

By HELEN MANSFIELD

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Most elected officials expect to take a certain amount of guff from the community at large for the ordinances they propose or the programs they start.

Bill Gentes, village board president of Round Lake, has opened himself up to a new variety of 21st century torment through the wonders of the blogosphere.

Getting to know ... Bill Gentes

Age: 47

Born: Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Education: High school in Guadalajara, Mexico; degree in history and English, University of Texas Pan American

Occupation:

Director of operations, Realtors Association of Chicagoland

Hobbies: Horse racing, soccer



years. Residents and nonresidents alike can give themselves a screen name and trash talk all they'd like about Gentes and the village.

In recent months, Gentes has taken a lot of heat for the village's litigation with former Police Chief Charlie Foy. As the village's liquor commissioner, Gentes has seen residents argue back and forth on his blog on the merits of revoking the liquor license of the Four Coyne's, an Irish-themed pub.

"It's taken on a life of its own," Gentes said of his blog.

As residents became more technologically savvy, and closed off from their own community at the same time, Gentes saw the blog as a way for people to get information on their own time.

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they're doing [trustees and village staff]," he said.

Gentes said he regretted some of the things he wrote about Foy, but he stands behind his decision not to reappoint the former chief.

As the department grew, Gentes said, he needed Foy to take more of a management role and not be the officers' "best friends."

"He wouldn't conform," Gentes said simply.

Gentes isn't the type to "blog angry," but once he posts something, he leaves it up.

That also has implications for his wife, Christine.

"I tell him, 'I don't have to read your blog, I live it,'" she said.

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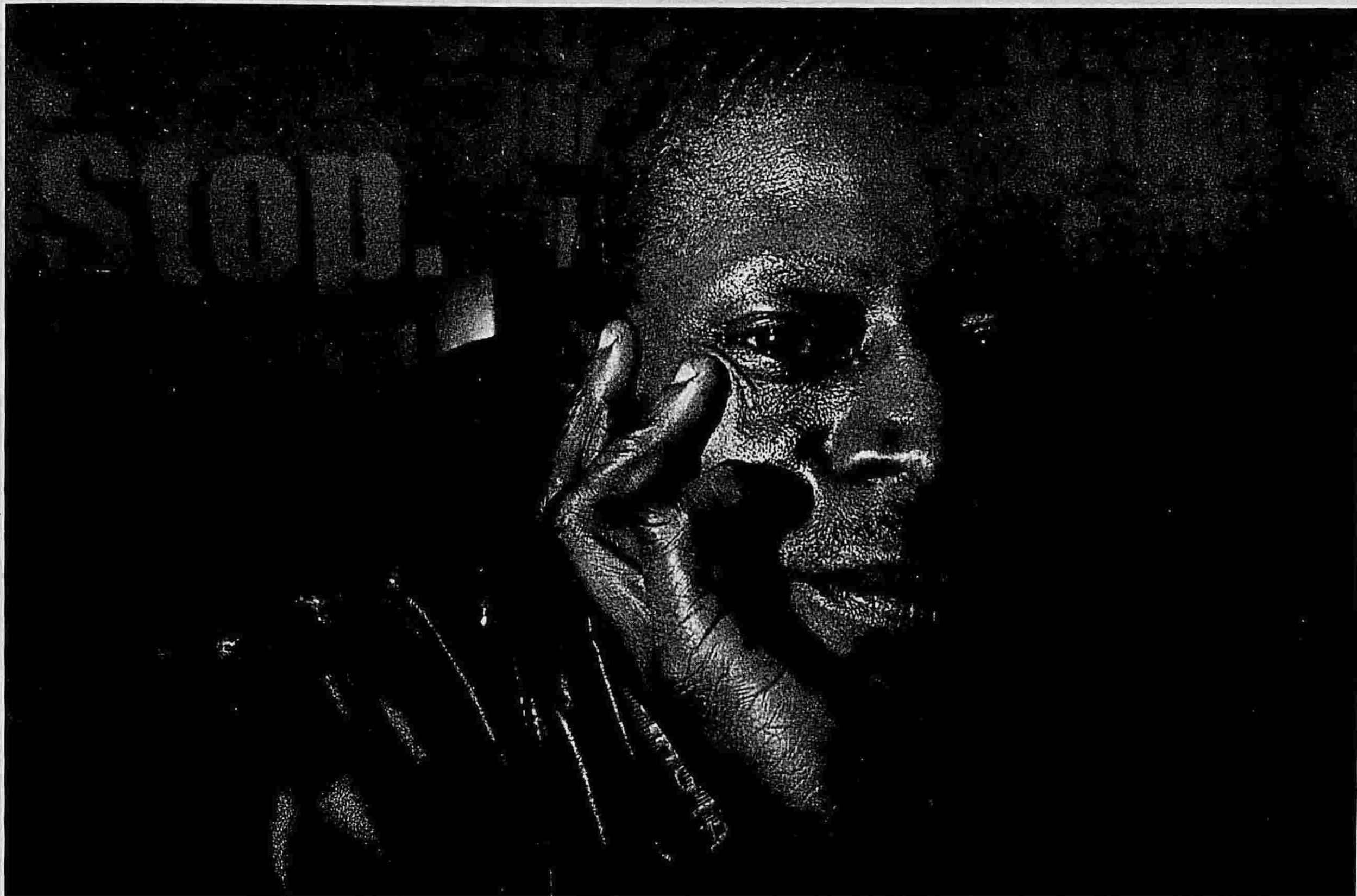
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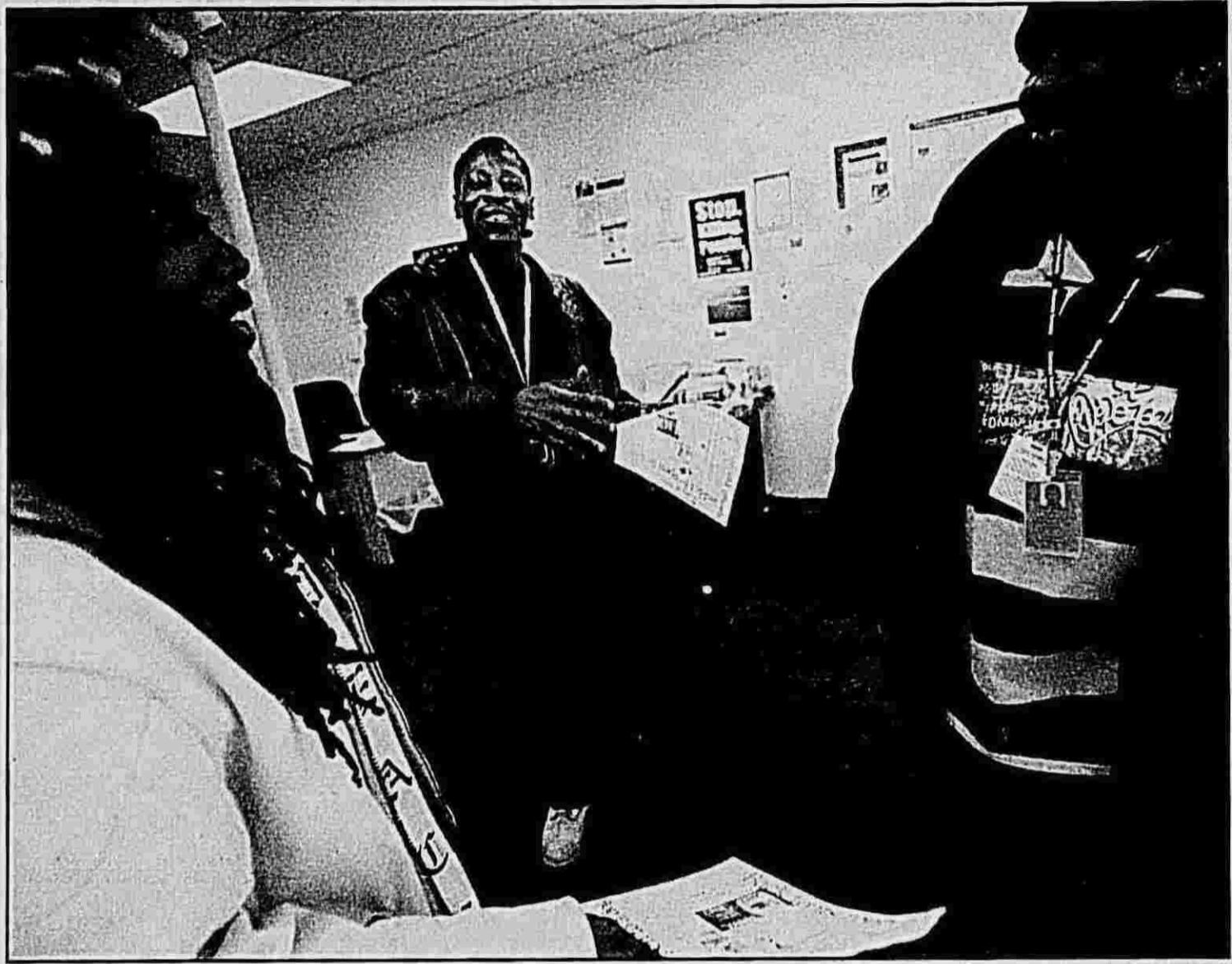


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Resident uses influence to show former prisoners another lifestyle



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Anthony "Drac" Brown (center) talks with two friends inside the CeaseFire office in Waukegan. The group talked about the difficulty they encounter while attempting to be heard in the community.

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"They know what my job is," he said. "I'm not the police. ... My whole thing is, make sure that no more bullets come out of [any] chambers."

Name recognition

Because Brown was an active gang member himself, he has little problem garnering respect from his intended targets and getting them to heed his advice.

A major challenge of his position with CeaseFire is to stop retaliatory violence. And when two people are in a quarrel that could leave one, or both, dead, they are often "begging for someone to intervene," Brown explained.

State Rep. Eddie Washington, D-Waukegan, along with Waukegan Township Supervisor Patricia Jones, was vocal in bringing CeaseFire to eastern Lake County. He said Brown had been effective in curbing shootings and other forms of violence because he personified the adage, "Experience is the best teacher."

"I think he's a human example of that," Washington said. "He is a man who not only talks the talk, but he has walked the walk."

Brown has, indeed, witnessed the consequences of gang life. Several of his friends were thrown into jail and slapped with decades-long sentences.

Most were teenagers or in their early 20s when they began those terms. They will come out of prison over the next few years as middle-aged men.

Brown now identifies young people headed in that direction.

"A lot of people don't really have ... much," he said. "These guys, they're just out there with nothing to do. Those are the ones I target."

When Brown begins working with at-risk subjects, his first task is to get them a job. He directs them to Jones' and Washington's offices, to help them find employment.

Brown also is a board mem-

ber for Waukegan Township's Coalition to Reduce Recidivism, which is designed to help people who are coming out of prison to get a job so they don't fall back into their previous lifestyle.

"I chose to be on the recidivism committee, because when a lot of guys get off the train, they walk right up [to CeaseFire's North Chicago office] and knock on that door," he said.

Street as classroom

Recently, Brown worked to curb a potentially explosive situation in Zion, where a 16-year-old boy was killed during a Dec. 1 robbery attempt.

Gerrell Davis, a student at Zion-Benton Township High School, entered the home of Saffiya and Sharief Darr armed with a .22-caliber rifle on Dec. 1. He was shot by Saffiya, and two friends who were with him were later arrested on charges of home invasion.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, the Darrs and members of their family received threats against their lives.

Brown, who has personal ties to both the Darr and the Davis families, was called on to defuse the situation. After nearly a week of working with the people involved on both sides, the hostility was neutralized.

Through his many contacts, he was able to stop further damage from taking place.

"It's like a class full of students," Brown said of his efforts in intervention. "[If] you leave them in the classroom by themselves, unattended with no teachers ... it's going to be utter chaos with nobody telling them what's right and what's wrong."

Tio Hardiman, director of mediation services and intergovernmental affairs for CeaseFire, explained that Brown represented the best that his organization could hope for in a teacher.

"Some people have access, but the difference with Anthony Brown [is] he has influence," Hardiman said. "He has influence that makes the people really think and look at what they're doing, and he stops them right in their tracks."

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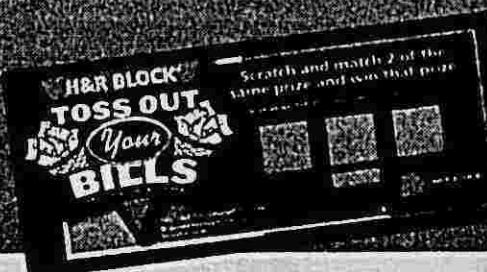
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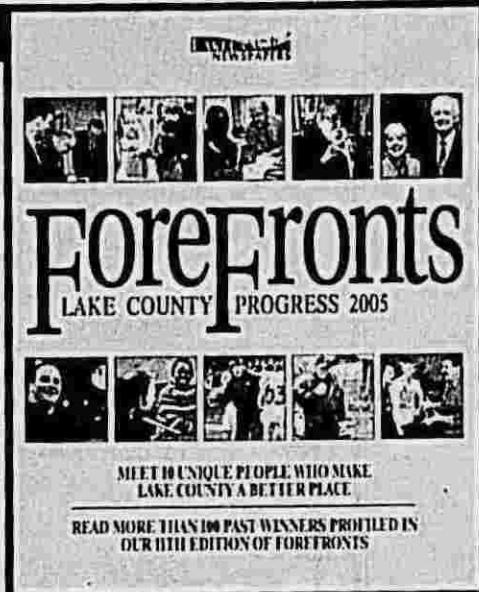
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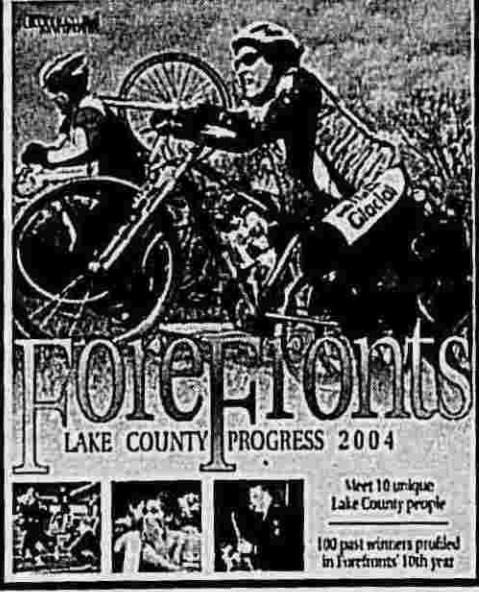
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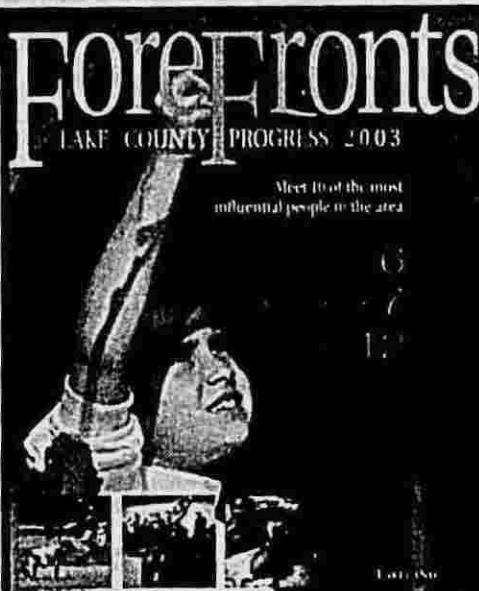
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Gary Graf
Miguel Juarez
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Jack McKeever
Mark Pleasant
Rosa Reyes-Prosen
Alex Rothacker
Larry Scire
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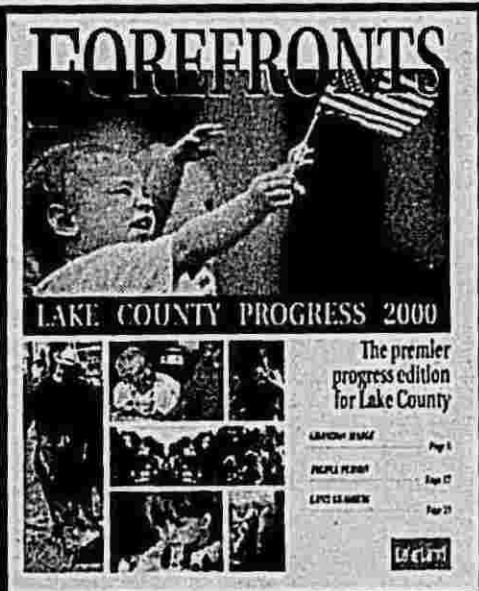
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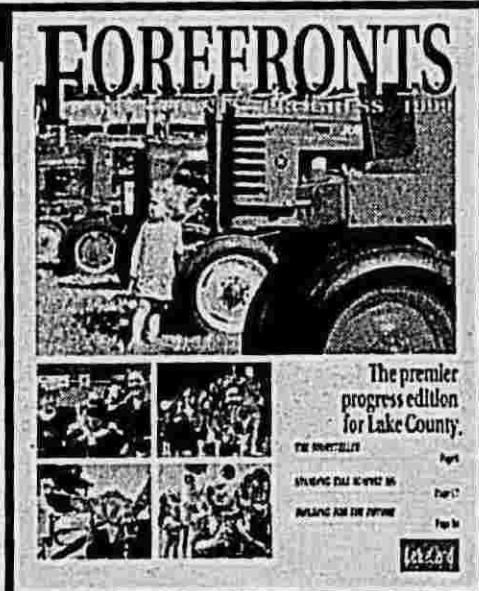
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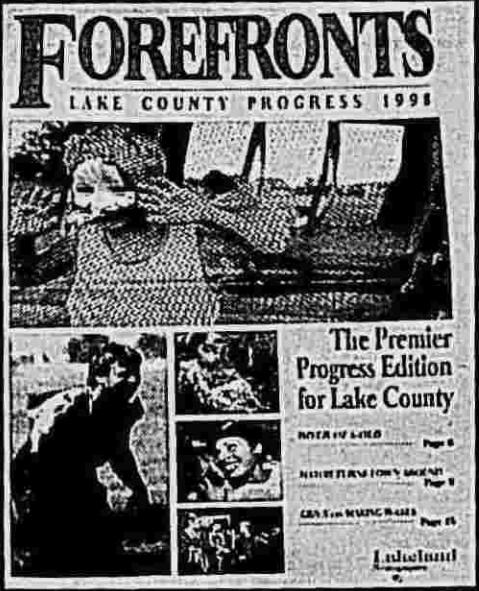
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F.T. "Mike" Graham
Stacey Kanzler
Pam Newton
Jim Pappas
Bill Rockar
Jeff Shook
Mary Ellen Vanderventer



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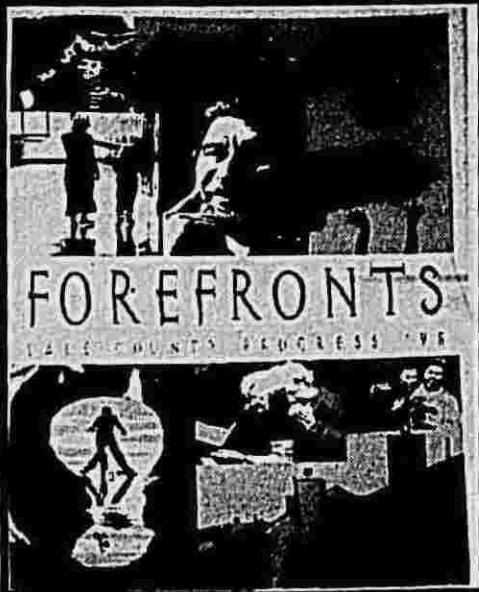
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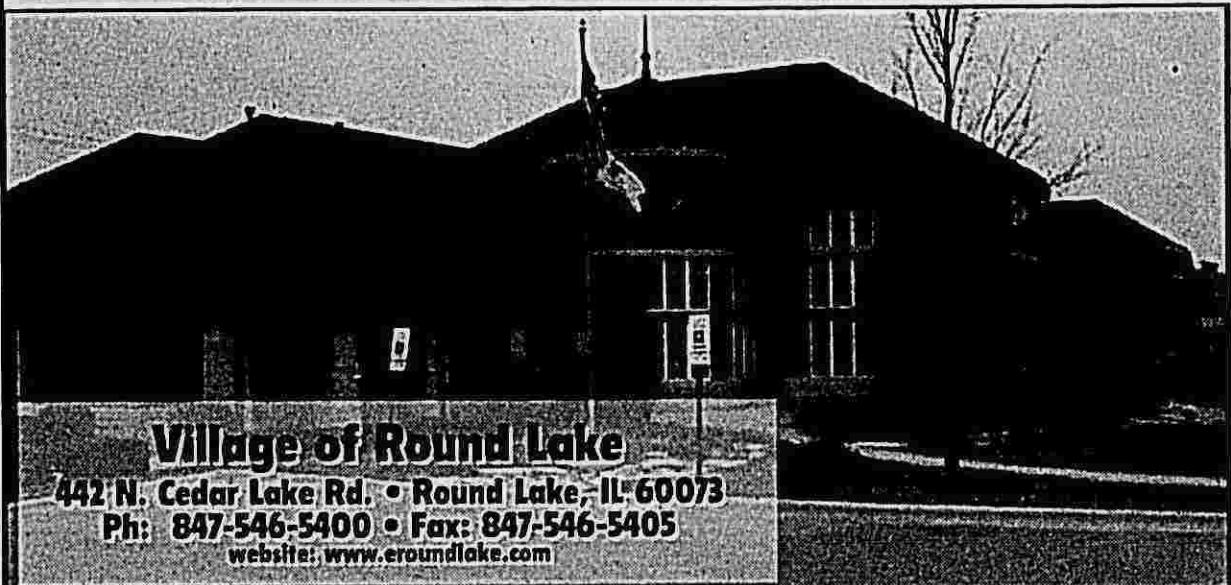
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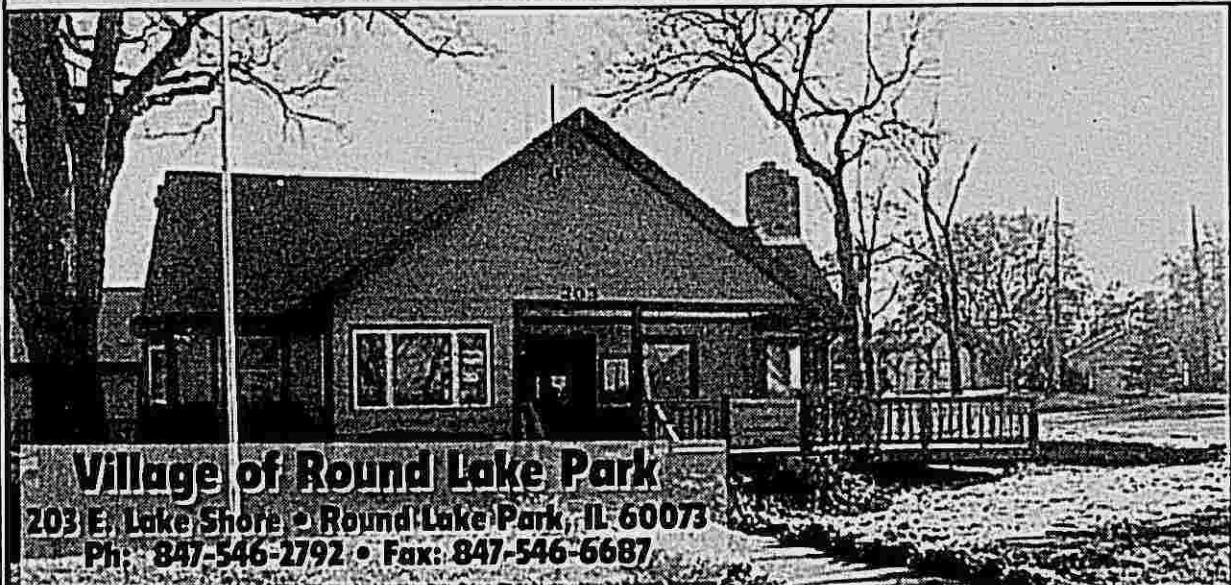
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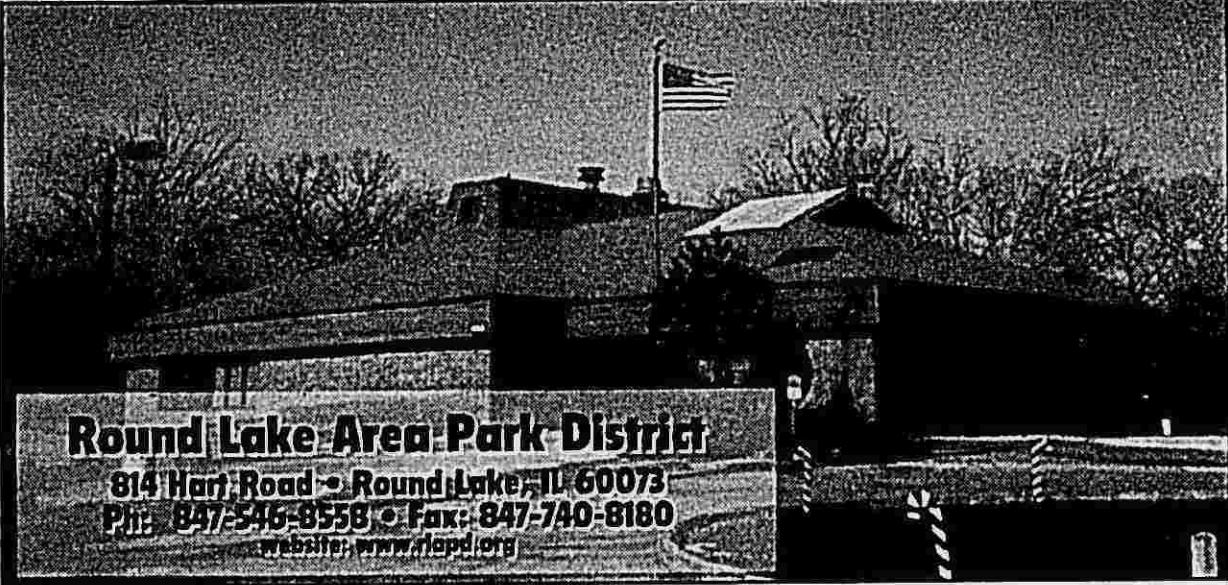
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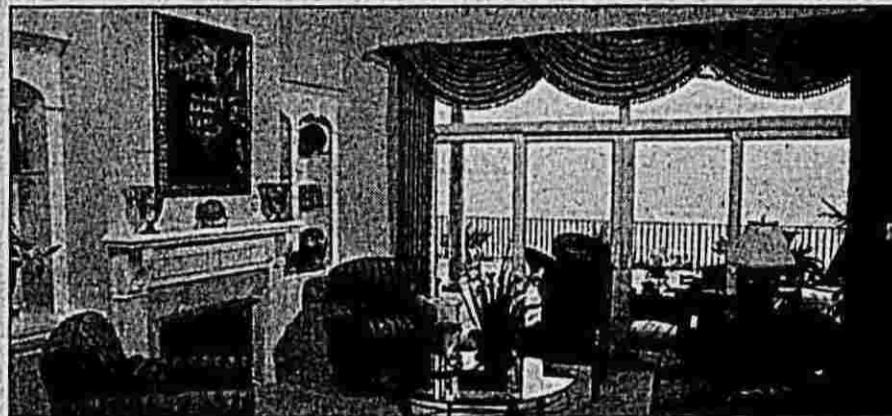


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How to make the most of your redecorating budget

With the slump in housing sales, more Americans are opting to spruce up their current homes rather than go in search of a new house. And while many housing markets across the country have seen flat or even declining real estate prices, people are spending more than ever to redecorate their homes.

In 2006, the average cost of a mid-range kitchen remodel topped \$54,000, according to figures released by the National Association of Realtors. According to the National Retail Federation, furniture store sales increased throughout 2006, ending the year around 2.5 percent higher than for the same period in 2005. Top interior design firms did well in 2006, and major paint manufacturers reported sales increases throughout the year.

With remodeling price tags on the rise — and returns in increased home value declining — there are still some home remodel projects that remain a sure bet, like the kitchen, bathroom or exterior siding.

Here are some tips for getting the most out of your home re-

decorating budget:

- Upgrades to countertops, cabinets and flooring remain the best investment when remodeling a kitchen. Homeowners report these improvements will provide both the best return on investment at sale time, and the highest level of satisfaction while you're still living in the house.

- Paint remains one of the easiest, fastest and most cost-effective ways to create a whole new feeling in your home dv@cor. The cost of making a bold color change is the same as the cost of simply freshening a room's existing color. A new coat of paint can serve as the foundation for a complete room remodel.

- Wall murals continue to be a favorite decorating tool for homeowners and interior designers. Easy-to-hang wallpaper murals can serve as a focal point or an accent to a room and enhance virtually any decor.

- Bathroom redecorating always provides significant returns both in home value and homeowner satisfaction. With



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the trend towards spa-like baths continuing into 2007, investing in a new bathtub or shower is a great way to get the most out of your bathroom redesign. From whirlpool baths with heated jets of water to multi-head showers

that massage, homeowners have a staggering array of options when it comes to upgrading their baths.

Home design and renovation experts predict Americans will continue to invest in redecorat-

ing and refurbishing their homes in 2007. With a little research and careful consideration of your budget and goals, you can ensure you get the most for your home redecorating dollars.

WINDOW TREATMENTS 101

Windows are the eye to the outdoors. That's why you have to think carefully when deciding on a style for each room in your house. But with so many terms exclusive to the window industry, how do you see clearly?

Here's a guide to help you sort out all of the jargon.

1. Type: Horizontal blinds

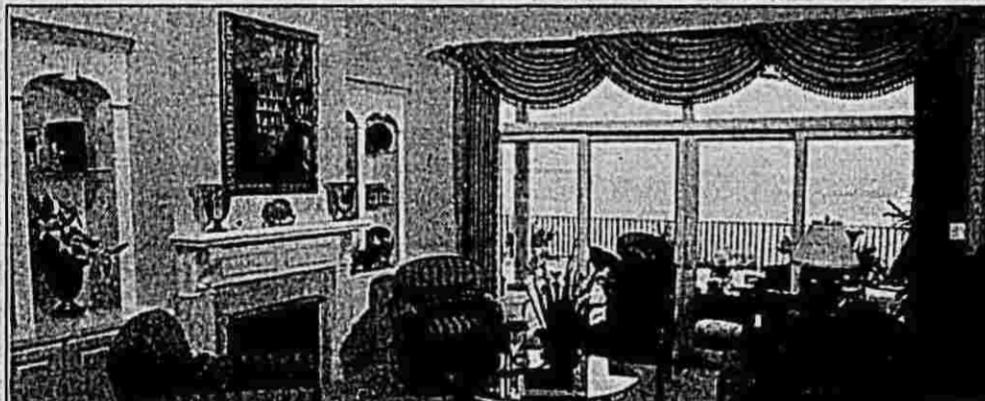
Materials: Aluminum, plastic, wood and faux wood
Uses: Control light and privacy easily. Durable and easy to maintain.

2. Type: Vertical blinds

Materials: Aluminum, vinyl or reinforced fabric
Uses: Overlapping nature enables light control.

3. Type: Swags (curtains)

Materials: Soft or sheer fabric
Uses: A portable style that can be draped over another treatment or used alone to soften a window frame.



Window treatments add style and substance to a room. Choose one that complements the overall look you desire.

4. Type: Curtains and drapes

Materials: Fabrics in various colors and patterns
Uses: They can be designed to suit your decorating style. Fabric can add visual "warmth" to a room.

5. Type: Cellular shades

Materials: Sheer or opaque paper or fabric
Uses: Available in various opening methods such as motorized or pull from bottom. Can be custom fit for any window shape or size.

6. Type: Roller shades

Materials: Vinyl, canvas or bonded fabric
Uses: Offer moderate to full blackout of light for total privacy.

7. Type: Roman blinds

Materials: Various fabrics
Uses: Manipulated cords and pulleys. Offer a casual look and add insulation.

8. Type: Shutters

Materials: Wood or polymer panels or louvers; fabric, glass or metal inserts

Uses: Give an old-fashioned, cot-

tage aura to a room

9. Type: Cornices or valances

Materials: Varies; anything

from wood to silk-flower garland

Uses: Used to hide drapery hardware or make window and ceiling look taller.

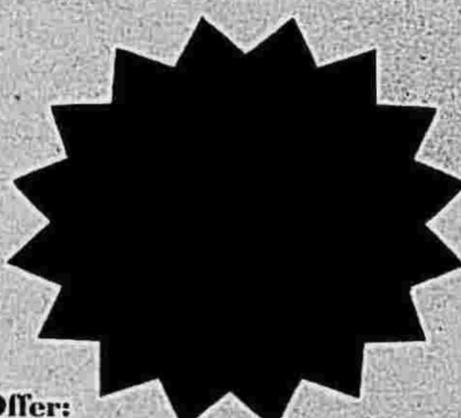
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Easy, low-cost ways to renovate your bathroom

The bathroom is your sanctuary. After all, it's often the only place in the house that you can get an ounce of privacy. Who doesn't get their best thinking done either soaking in the tub, under the shower or on the throne?

After spending all that time in one room, you might start to get tired of the design and layout. Yet next to the kitchen, the bathroom is often the most costly room to renovate because of its plumbing, tile and electrical components. There are some things you can do to keep costs down (especially if you are not using a contractor) and still get your dream bathroom. Here are some tips:

- **Keep things simple.** Make dramatic differences with minor alterations. Reconsider making drastic changes, like moving a sink or toilet, which would require plumbing reworking that can break your budget. A splash of color on the walls, new hardware on cabinets, or window treatments can give any room a whole new look at a more affordable price. Even something as basic as choosing a satin chrome drawer pull or knob in a cute shape of a tube of toothpaste can give a bit of character to your bathroom.

- **Go shopping.** If you have nixed making changes that require plumbing, you can start on your projects from walls to light fixtures. Big retailers like Home Depot, Menards or Lowes buy in bulk, so they tend to have the best prices. You can also find bargains at architectural salvage warehouses, which you can find by searching online or through the Yellow Pages, say experts.

The first thing you have to do is pick a color scheme. If you're not changing the tiles or bathroom carpet, then pick something for the walls that matches or contrasts nicely with the floor, sink, toilet, tub/shower, etc. If you are changing the tiles too, then you probably need to start from scratch. Glass tile, which is much more expensive, or detailed tiles that are hand painted are a creative way to make your bathroom stand out. Spanish or Italian tiles tend to have unique patterns but are often more expensive because they are of a higher quality and



are imported.

When choosing paint for the walls, use the swatches provided to you at the store to get the exact shade of color you desire. Paint isn't your only option. Some bathrooms have tiled walls, or you could consider a wainscoting wall treatment for a more traditional and cleaner look. If you opt for wallpaper, know that paper is more vulnerable to moisture. It can peel or get mold stains more easily so it might need replacing over the years.

Give your bathroom a facelift by adding a new medicine cabinet, a towel rack, a swiveling toilet paper dispenser, a shower curtain, or a throw rug for outside of the shower. These are inexpensive and easy picker-uppers.

- **Prep the place.** Once you are ready to get started on the walls and your other projects, you have to prepare the bathroom for all of these changes. First, you must use some serious elbow grease. Moisture, soap residue, body oils, mold and other grime easily build up in the bathroom — even in the cleanest of homes. All of that must be removed from the walls (and the tub, toilet, sink, etc.). Soap down the walls, bleaching mold stains and sanding surfaces before applying a fresh coat of paint. If there's unwanted wallpaper on the wall, you must remove it and its glue before getting started. Make sure to cover up all drains and faucets with newspaper or plastic so that they are not stained by paint.

- **Be practical.** If you are going to get a new tub, sink or toilet, consider having a professional install them, unless you have plumbing experience. The same is true if you are planning to do electrical work in the bathroom, which is even more dangerous because of the lethal combination of water and electricity.



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Trash can offer cheap thrills

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That's why if you're looking for less expensive options, try sorting through the trash. You may have been embarrassed in your youth by a family member who was the resident "trash collector." This person lurked in the streets, looking for the ultimate treasure — an old fan that

just needed a tune-up or a chair that could use a little reupholstering to look as good as new. Well, this uncle or grandparent was certainly on to something! "Dumpster diving," as it's more affectionately called, is an easy way to find items that can be given new life in your home. Here are a few ways to find inexpensive items which, after a little TLC, can evolve into wonderful décor pieces. And some don't even involve a Dumpster at all!

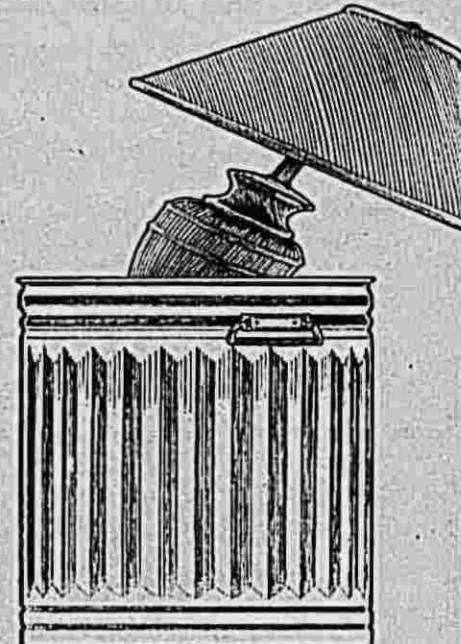
• **Homes and estate sales** — People have a wonderful way of thinning out their stuff before embarking on a move. Just scour your neighborhood for "for sale" signs and make a note of the home location. Keep an eye on the properties and, once they're sold, you just may

discover a pile of items at the curb soon after. From furniture to books to lamps, the fun will be in discovering what you can use. Or these ambitious individuals might actually advertise a moving sale in the paper or on signs in the neighborhood. Anxious to rid themselves of unwanted things, they'll surely be open to price haggling.

• **Furniture overstock** — There are some stores that specialize in furniture overstock or items like clothing that are slightly damaged. This could mean that an inconspicuous scratch on a table or a quilt sewn a bit crooked prevented those items from making their way to a store. Check out these avenues if you want to find inexpensive furniture that may just need a little re-

touching. • **Look to acquaintances** — Perhaps you have a friend who wants to clean out her home. See if there are any items you can commandeer. Or you may have a family member who has a surplus of treasures taking up space. Find out if he will be willing to "donate" some to your decorating cause. And don't underestimate rummaging through attics of friends and family members. There may be a host of treats you will uncover besides cobwebs and dust!

• **Ultimate Dumpster diving** — Check out the trash of neighborhood stores or planned communities. Many use Dumpsters for trash collection (and others may illegally dump bulk items there for the sake



of convenience). Also hit up college towns during the annual move-out period. Students often put pieces like old sofas or pictures on the curb when they realize they can't fit them in their car! You never know — you just may discover something you can salvage.

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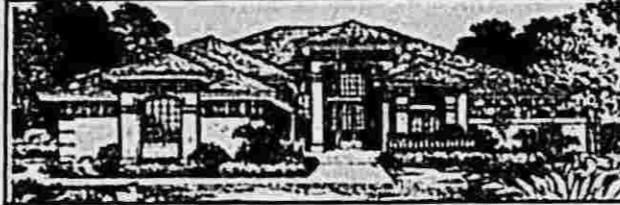
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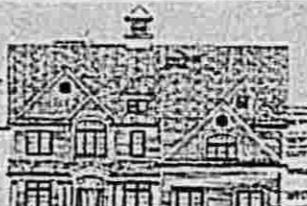
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- Outfit cabinets with "storage solutions." Pull-out shelves maximize space in a deep pantry. Lazy Susans organize spices in a corner cabinet. Wire racks keep pots and pans tidy.

- Put items near where they are used. Tablecloths should be placed near the dinner table. Pots and pans should be located near the stove. Stash cups near the refrigerator.

- Seasonal and entertaining items aren't used on a daily basis. Store them in the back of cabinets.

- Keep only kitchen-oriented items in the kitchen. It's the best way to prevent the build up of clutter.

- Keep track of what's in the freezer and what you need to buy. Mount a small magnetic whiteboard to the refrigerator to track what's in the freezer and when it was frozen. Use another one to jot down your shopping list or your weekly menu.

Home Office

- Items that you use the most should be kept on top in an organized fashion. A rotating caddy can hold a stapler, pens, pencils and other office supplies. Papers that you reference often like banking statements can be kept in an accessible file cabinet or desk drawer. Papers that you use less frequently can be placed in the back of a file drawer.

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Staging a big part of the selling process

Typically, when people think of home improvement, they think of making their homes more suitable for them and their tastes. However, home improvement sometimes involves catering to the tastes of others, such as prospective buyers. As the home-improvement industry continues to account for billions of dollars in spending each year, a significant amount of that money is attributed to homeowners who want to make their homes more appealing to someone else.

Such a reality is one reason many sellers have taken kindly to the practice of "staging" a home when it comes time to sell. While all homeowners should clean up before their open house event, staging a house involves more than just putting away dirty laundry and cleaning that sink full of dishes. Staging is when homeowners present a home they're trying to sell in the most appealing way possible. This practice is done because it's easier to sell a space to a prospective buyer when that buyer can see what the place might look like when they move in.

Nowadays, wise homeowners looking to sell are fond of staging.

Tips to help extinguish candle fires

The past decade has seen an increase in candle usage, with candles now flickering in seven out of 10 households in America. For many, candles are an inexpensive way to add atmosphere and romance. However, experts report that home candle-related fires also have increased substantially, and warn that magic moments could quickly turn tragic, unless proper precautions and common sense are used.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an estimated 18,000 home candle fires were reported in 2001 (the most recent year for which statistics are available), resulting in an estimated 190 civilian fire deaths, 1,450 civilian fire injuries, and \$265 million in direct property damage.

According to the NFPA, the following tips can help consumers stay safe:

- Consider your children and pets. An adventurous toddler, a puppy's wagging tail, or a cat jumping on to the mantle could cause lots of trouble. Never use candles where they could be knocked over by anyone, including children or pets. Store candles, matches, and lighters up.

Though not the traditional home-improvement project, staging certainly can yield a great return on what many times is a small investment.

- Fix and creaks that you may have grown accustomed to in your home. While a creaky step in the staircase or a leaky faucet can be a sentimental and comforting sign that you're home, to potential buyers these things are indicators of disrepair. Before putting your home on the market, fix all of those "little" things. They might seem small to you, but they're certainly not to prospective buyers.

- Clean up before and after each open house. Nothing will turn a prospective buyer off more than a dirty home. Floor tiles with as much dirt as color will stick in the minds of buyers, who will likely be immediately turned off by a dirty house. A typical housecleaning normally won't do the trick, either. Make sure everything in the house sparkles as if it's brand new. If you're too busy for this, get a cleaning service to make sure the place is spotless before each visit.

- Consider a professional service. There are staging companies

that do everything from rearrange furniture to storing your belongings and bringing in new decor. Stagers can also guide you on color choices and which personal effects may compromise a sale.

Much of what goes into staging a home successfully is removing personal elements from it.

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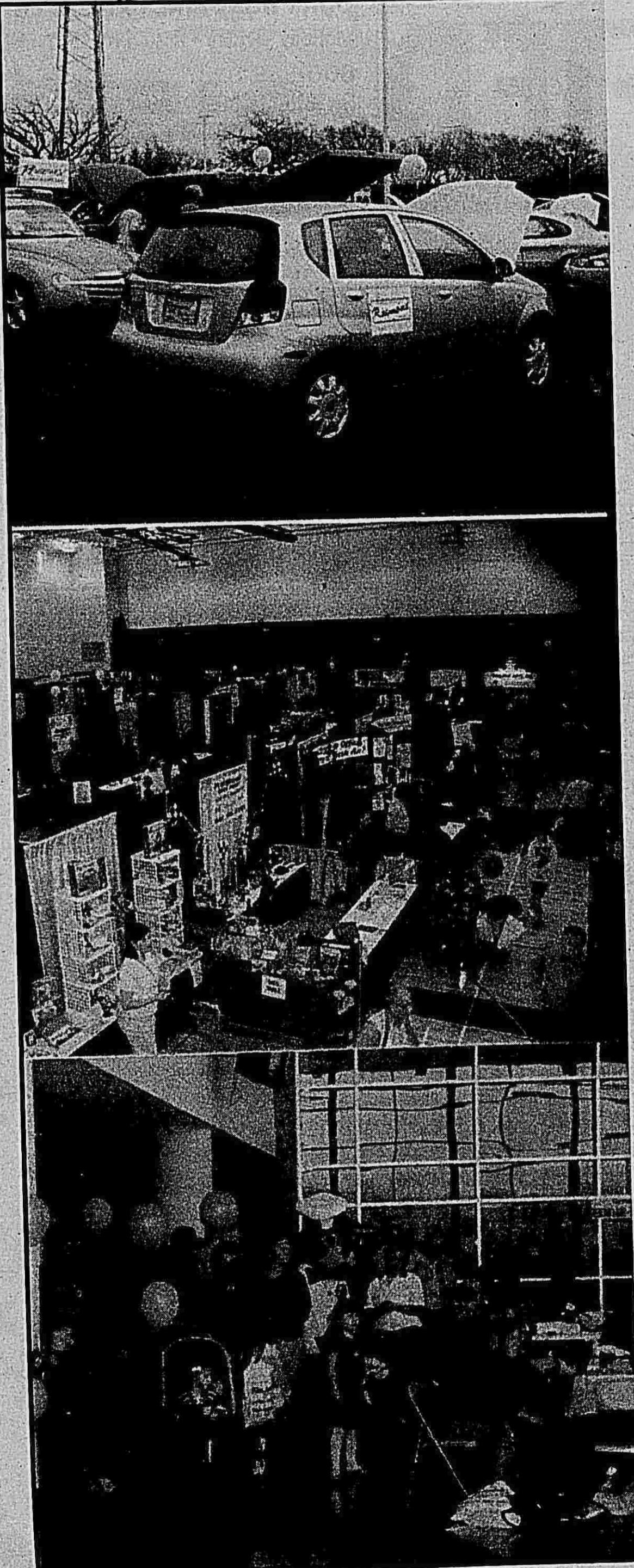
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/s/ Linda M. Paulson Notary Public

Received: Feb. 07, 2007 Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk

(Published in the Lake County Journals, February 16, 23 & March 2, 2007.)

Assumed Name 8200

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 2516 W. St. Olaf Ave., Ingleside, IL 60041, 847-528-3206

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Michael Coates February 7, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of February, 2007.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: Mechanical Solutions Nature/Purpose: HVAC

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 327 Greentree Pkwy, Libertyville, IL 60048, 847-321-0032

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: R. Kirk Johnson, 25316 W. St. Olaf Ave., Ingleside, IL 60041, 847-528-3206

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/s/ R. Kirk Johnson February 12, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of February, 2007.

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/s/ Jason B. Miller Notary Public

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/s/ Tammy Sheffer Notary Public Received: Feb. 09, 2007 /s/ Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk

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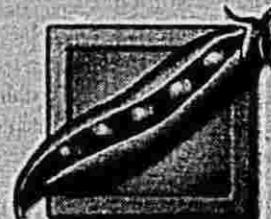
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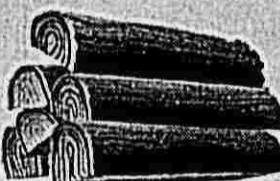
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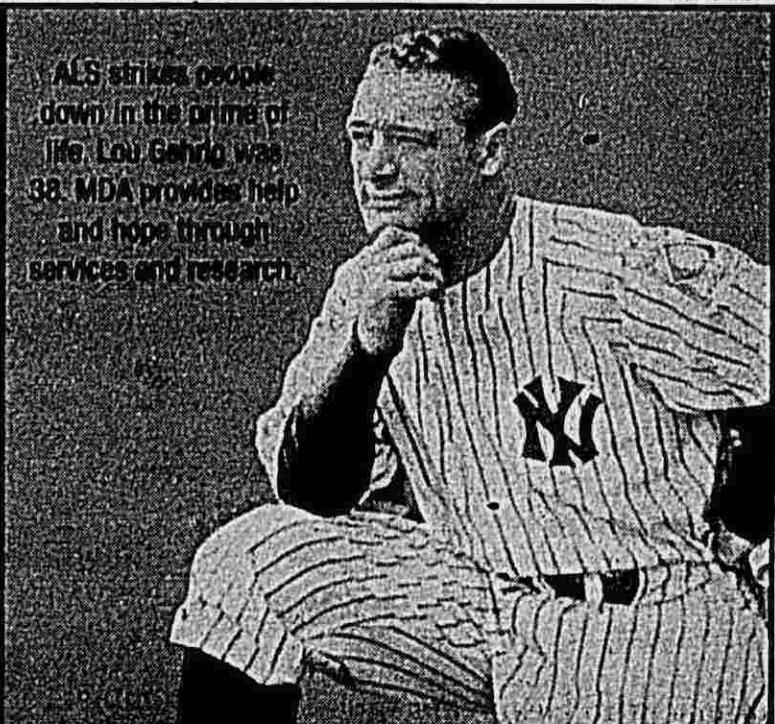
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It's not just investing in a car, for many it's investing in the one you love. According to an International Carwash Association survey conducted among 1,000 car owners, 84 percent feel an emotional connection to their cars and some even view them as family members. One in four owners give their car a name, and 22 percent keep photos of their car. Despite these affections, more than 50 percent of American car drivers wash their cars less than once a month, and 16 percent never wash their cars - translating to 73 million grimy automobiles in the United States.

"Studies have shown that the No. 1 reason people wash their cars is for special occasions such as anniversaries and holidays," says Mark Thorsby, executive director of the International Carwash Association. "People have an emotional attachment to their cars so it's only natural that they want to pamper their favorite ride during these special times."

Thorsby, also known as "Mr. Car Love" because of his passion for clean cars, says full-service car washes are the special occasion mode of choice since they offer it all - cleansing, polishing and waxing from the inside out. Professional car washes are also more environmentally responsible, using up to 50 percent less water than home hand washing. Professional car washes use water-efficient equipment to clean cars thor-

Special occasion car wash facts and tips

1. Get it professionally waxed. New cars can have a clear coat finish, but acid rain - a problem in many areas in North America - can erode it.
2. Don't think rain will clean your car. Too many people think that spring showers are exactly what they need to wash off the winter grime - not realizing that the dirt and pollutants in acid rain can actually cause damage.
3. Pay attention to the detail. Detailing services can restore virtually any car close to showroom quality. Details are recommended once or twice a year, and spring is the ideal season.
4. Professional car washes are a wiser environmental choice. Do-it-yourself car washes can result in soapy chemicals, oil and tar draining into sewers, which can eventually lead to lakes, rivers and streams. More water is wasted, too. In contrast, most professional washes reuse water, and all are mandated to pipe dirty water to treatment facilities, keeping freshwater sources safer.
5. Industry innovation results in cleaner cars. Car washes use high-power nozzles and sprays that clean all areas of cars better than ever, and much more completely than at-home washes can.

oughly while conserving water.

Beyond special occasions, the International Carwash Association recommends that cars receive monthly to bi-weekly professional car wash visits. A thorough interior and exterior cleaning, along with some detail work during these visits, will keep cars looking great no matter what Mother Nature throws at them this spring.

Costs for professional detailing services vary depending on how thoroughly a car needs to be cleaned, but on average, owners can expect to pay around \$100. "Car owners often opt for 'the works' when it comes to special occasions and especially after the harsh winter's build-up of salt and road chemicals," Thorsby explains. "After all, there's no better way to restore a car to showroom-new condition than with a complete detailing job."

The International Carwash Association also recommends that owners wash their cars professionally more often than one to two times per month - if they live and drive in harsher climates - to preserve their cars' value. Auto experts such as Kelley Blue Book agree that well-maintained vehicles can be valued as much as \$1,500 higher. "Professional car washes are the easiest way to maintain your car's appearance. They take anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes, and cost just a couple hundred dollars a year," states Thorsby. "While you can always replace a damaged or worn out auto part, it's almost impossible to send your car in for a complete makeover once the rust and corrosion set in."

More car washing facts and tips - including a Car Wash Wizard that forecasts a car's cleaning needs based on location - can be found at www.carlove.org.

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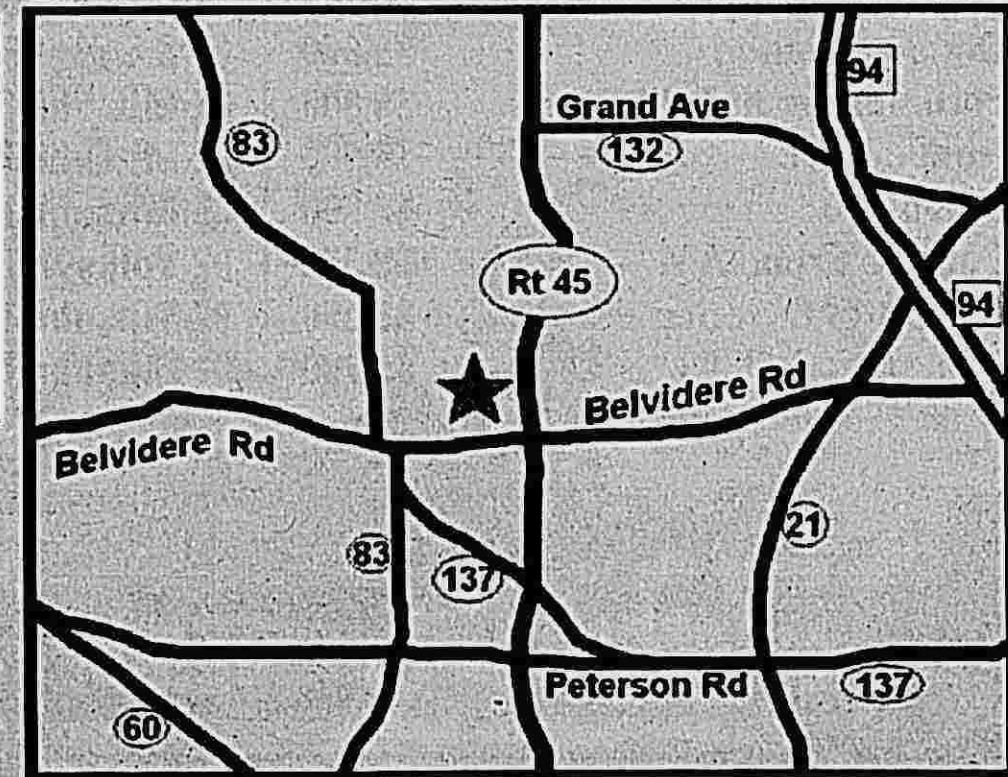
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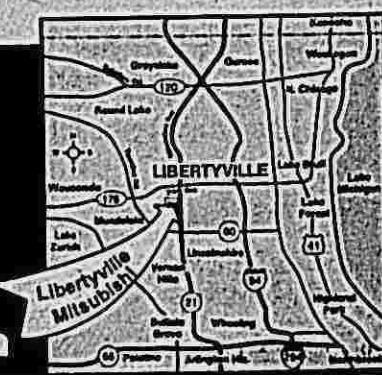


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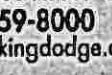
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